

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5431

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Creating the Rosa Franklin legislative internship program scholarship.

Sponsors: Senators Randall, Nobles, Cleveland, Conway, Das, Dhingra, Frockt, Hasegawa, Keiser, Hunt, Honeyford, Holy, Lias, Lovelett, Nguyen, Padden, Robinson, Stanford and Wilson, C..

Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations
House Committee on Appropriations

Background: Legislative Internships. The Washington State Legislature offers full-time internship positions each legislative session to college and university students. Most of these positions are undergraduate policy internships, where students work in Olympia as staff for members of the House of Representatives or Senate.

Rosa Franklin. Dr. Rosa Franklin served the 29th Legislative District of Pierce County as a Representative from 1991 to 1993, and then as a Senator from 1993 to 2011. Prior to becoming a state legislator, she worked as a registered nurse and earned a bachelors and a master's degree from local universities. In 2006, she received an honorary doctorate from the University of Puget Sound. Dr. Franklin was the first African American woman elected to the Washington State Senate.

Summary: The Rosa Franklin legislative internship program scholarship is established. Washington students who are accepted into and participate in the legislative internship program of the Senate and House of Representatives may qualify based on financial need.

The secretary of the Senate and chief clerk of the House of Representatives may administer and conduct the scholarship, including soliciting and accepting gifts and grants. Any legislative member or employee may also solicit contributions. Money received may only be used for the scholarship. The secretary of the Senate and the chief clerk of the House

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must adopt joint rules, or govern and protect the receipt and expenditure of the proceeds.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47	0
House	95	3

Effective: July 25, 2021