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1 AN ACT Relating to transferring public property to Washington
2 state federally recognized tribes for facilities to provide alcohol
3 and substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and aftercare
4 programs and services, and for behavioral health and related programs
5 and services; adding a new section to chapter 39.33 RCW; and creating
6 a new section.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a
9 great need for comprehensive programs and services for alcohol and
10 substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and aftercare, as well
11 as help to address behavioral health and related issues for all
12 Washington citizens. The legislature also finds that Washington state
13 federally recognized tribes provide comprehensive prevention
14 services, withdrawal management services, inpatient and outpatient
15 health services, wellness programs, and aftercare services for those
16 experiencing addiction and coping with behavioral health conditions
17 and related issues in a holistic and culturally based approach. The
18 legislature promotes the expansion of these programs and services by
19 Washington state federally recognized tribes that benefit all
20 Washington citizens by authorizing government-to-government transfers
21 of public land and facilities for these purposes.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 39.33
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) The state or any municipality or any political subdivision
4 thereof, without further consideration except for subsection (2) of
5 this section, may transfer real property, both improved and
6 unimproved, to a Washington state federally recognized tribe, or
7 consortium of federally recognized tribes, for the purpose of
8 providing prevention services, withdrawal management services,
9 inpatient and outpatient health services, wellness programs, and
10 aftercare services to help patients address alcohol and substance use
11 disorders, behavioral health conditions, and related issues.

12 (2)(a) Any transfer of property under subsection (1) of this
13 section must be done on such terms and conditions as are mutually
14 agreed to by the state, municipality, or political subdivision and
15 the Washington state federally recognized tribe or tribes. The terms
16 and conditions must include a requirement that the property in
17 subsection (1) of this section reverts to the state, municipality, or
18 political subdivision if the property ceases to be used for the
19 purposes described in subsection (1) of this section earlier than 25
20 years from the date of the transfer.

21 (b) For transfers under (a) of this subsection involving
22 unimproved land or where major renovations to an existing facility
23 are necessary, the Washington state federally recognized tribe or
24 tribes must have the facility constructed or renovated and
25 operational within six years of the transfer and must have the
26 capacity to continue to add onto the facility or property with
27 services that address prevention, withdrawal management, inpatient
28 and outpatient health services, wellness programs, and aftercare
29 services. The legislature intends that any necessary state and local
30 permits be expedited for these projects to the extent feasible.

31 (3) The state, municipalities, and political subdivisions and
32 Washington state federally recognized Indian tribes are encouraged to
33 consult and cooperate regarding identifying public property that the
34 state, municipality, or political subdivision could consider
35 transferring to a Washington state federally recognized tribe or
36 tribes to provide critical alcohol and substance use disorder
37 services, behavioral health services, and related services.

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