

# SB 6034 -- Redline

Substitute to Bill -- Concerning statutory establishment of the governor's office of Indian affairs.

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~~S 3001.1~~ S-3536.2 ~~SUBSTITUTE~~ SENATE BILL 6034 State of Washington 69th Legislature 2026 Regular Session  
By ~~Senate State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections (originally sponsored by~~ Senators Kauffman,  
Conway, Hasegawa, Liias, Nobles, Riccelli, Stanford, Trudeau, and ~~Valdez)~~ Valdez ~~READ~~ Prefiled  
~~FIRST~~ 01/08/26. ~~TIME 01/26/26.~~

Read first time 01/12/26.

Referred to Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections.

(a) Assist the governor in the development and review of effective policies and legislation to support the state of Washington in fostering strong and meaningful relationships with ~~federally recognized~~ Indian tribes, ~~whose traditional lands and territories included parts of Washington as described in RCW 43.376.010,~~ tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations;

(b) In accordance with RCW 43.376.020, provide a training focused on fostering effective communication and collaboration between the state and ~~federally recognized Indian~~ tribes, ~~whose traditional lands and territories included parts of Washington as described in RCW 43.376.010,~~ which the heads of each executive and small cabinet agency, and each of the governor's policy advisors and executive leadership team members, shall attend;

(c)(i) In partnership with relevant agencies including the department of enterprise services, the office of financial management state human resources, and agency tribal liaisons, expand upon RCW 43.376.020 to produce additional training for state employees.

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~~(ii) The office of Indian affairs shall consult with tribal nations in the development of the training.~~

(d) Advise state agencies and departments concerning issues relative to ~~federallythe recognized~~ Indian tribes, ~~tribes whose traditional lands and territories included parts of Washington as described in RCW 43.376.010,~~ and Indian organizations of Washington state;

p-(2) The executive director shall employ a staff, who shall be state employees pursuant to Title 41 RCW.

~~2 SSB 6034 (2) The executive director shall employprescribe athe staff, duties whoof shallthe staff as may be state necessary employees to pursuantimplement the purposes of this chapter and may delegate such of his or her powers, duties, and functions to Titleother 41officers RCW, and employees p.~~

~~The2 executiveSB director6034 shall prescribe the duties of the staff as may be necessary to implement the purposes of this chapter and may delegate such of his or her powers, duties, and functions to other officers and employees of the office as he or she may deem necessary to the fulfillment of the purposes of this chapter.~~

(1) The legislature hereby finds and declares that nothing in this chapter, including, without limitation, the creation of the office of Indian affairs, is intended to infringe upon the sovereignty of Indian tribes who are ~~federally~~ recognized by the United States as possessing powers of ~~self-government~~ self-government, ~~and whose traditional lands and territories included parts of Washington as described in RCW 43.376.010.~~

(3) The provisions of Title 9A RCW and chapter 37.12 RCW do not preclude Indian ~~tribes, tribes~~ who are ~~federally~~ recognized by the United States as possessing powers of self-government ~~and whose traditional lands and territories included parts of Washington as described in RCW 43.376.010,~~ from enacting their own laws, regulations, and ordinances, and enforcing them by their own tribal courts in accordance with their rules of procedure.

The p-office shall open and maintain a bank account into which it shall deposit all money received under this section.

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(1) On or before November 1st of each year, the office of Indian affairs shall prepare and submit to the governor p. ~~and the legislature an annual written report of the operations, activities, programs, and services of the office for the preceding fiscal year.~~

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