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By Representatives Veloria, Tokuda, Brumsickle, Regala, Conway and Huff; by request of Commission on Asian American Affairs

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1 AN ACT Relating to the commission on Asian Pacific American
2 affairs; amending RCW 43.117.010, 43.117.020, 43.117.030, 43.117.070,
3 43.117.080, and 49.04.100; and reenacting and amending RCW 43.03.028.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.03.028 and 1993 c 281 s 45 and 1993 c 101 s 14 are
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) There is hereby created a state committee on agency officials'
8 salaries to consist of seven members, or their designees, as follows:
9 The president of the University of Puget Sound; the chairperson of the
10 council of presidents of the state's four-year institutions of higher
11 education; the chairperson of the Washington personnel resources board;
12 the president of the Association of Washington Business; the president
13 of the Pacific Northwest Personnel Managers' Association; the president
14 of the Washington State Bar Association; and the president of the
15 Washington State Labor Council. If any of the titles or positions
16 mentioned in this subsection are changed or abolished, any person
17 occupying an equivalent or like position shall be qualified for
18 appointment by the governor to membership upon the committee.

1 (2) The committee shall study the duties and salaries of the
2 directors of the several departments and the members of the several
3 boards and commissions of state government, who are subject to
4 appointment by the governor or whose salaries are fixed by the
5 governor, and of the chief executive officers of the following agencies
6 of state government:

7 The arts commission; the human rights commission; the board of
8 accountancy; the board of pharmacy; the eastern Washington historical
9 society; the Washington state historical society; the interagency
10 committee for outdoor recreation; the criminal justice training
11 commission; the department of personnel; the state finance committee;
12 the state library; the traffic safety commission; the horse racing
13 commission; the advisory council on vocational education; the public
14 disclosure commission; the state conservation commission; the
15 commission on Hispanic affairs; the commission on Asian((-)) Pacific
16 American affairs; the state board for volunteer fire fighters; the
17 transportation improvement board; the public employment relations
18 commission; the forest practices appeals board; and the energy
19 facilities site evaluation council.

20 The committee shall report to the governor or the chairperson of
21 the appropriate salary fixing authority at least once in each fiscal
22 biennium on such date as the governor may designate, but not later than
23 seventy-five days prior to the convening of each regular session of the
24 legislature during an odd-numbered year, its recommendations for the
25 salaries to be fixed for each position.

26 (3) Committee members shall be reimbursed by the department of
27 personnel for travel expenses under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.117.010 and 1983 c 119 s 1 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

30 The legislature declares that the public policy of this state is to
31 insure equal opportunity for all of its citizens. The legislature
32 finds that Asian((-)) Pacific Americans have unique and special
33 problems. It is the purpose of this chapter to improve the well-being
34 of Asian((-)) Pacific Americans by insuring their access to
35 participation in the fields of government, business, education, and
36 other areas. The legislature is particularly concerned with the plight
37 of those Asian((-)) Pacific Americans who, for economic, linguistic, or
38 cultural reasons, find themselves disadvantaged or isolated from

1 American society and the benefits of equal opportunity. The
2 legislature further finds that it is necessary to aid Asian((-))
3 Pacific Americans in obtaining governmental services in order to
4 promote the health, safety, and welfare of all the residents of this
5 state. Therefore the legislature deems it necessary to create a
6 commission to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.117.020 and 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 2 are each amended
8 to read as follows:

9 As used in this chapter unless the context indicates otherwise:

10 (1) "Asian((-)) Pacific Americans" include persons ((~~primarily~~)) of
11 Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, ((~~or~~)) Korean ((~~ancestry; "Asian-~~
12 ~~Americans" also include persons of~~)), Samoan, Guamanian, Thai, Viet-
13 namese, Cambodian, Laotian, and other ((~~Far East or~~)) South East Asian,
14 South Asian, and Pacific Island ancestry.

15 (2) "Commission" means the Washington state commission on
16 Asian((-)) Pacific American affairs in the office of the governor.

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.117.030 and 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 3 are each amended
18 to read as follows:

19 There is established a Washington state commission on Asian((-))
20 Pacific American affairs in the office of the governor. The now
21 existing Asian-American advisory council shall become the commission
22 upon enactment of this chapter. The council may transfer all office
23 equipment, including files and records to the commission.

24 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.117.070 and 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 7 are each amended
25 to read as follows:

26 (1) The commission shall examine and define issues pertaining to
27 the rights and needs of Asian((-)) Pacific Americans, and make
28 recommendations to the governor and state agencies with respect to
29 desirable changes in program and law.

30 (2) The commission shall further advise such state government
31 agencies on the development and implementation of comprehensive and
32 coordinated policies, plans, and programs focusing on the special
33 problems and needs of Asian((-)) Pacific Americans.

34 (3) Each state department and agency shall provide appropriate and
35 reasonable assistance to the commission as needed in order that the
36 commission may carry out the purposes of this chapter.

1 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.117.080 and 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 8 are each amended
2 to read as follows:

3 In carrying out its duties, the commission may establish such
4 relationships with local governments and private industry as may be
5 needed to promote equal opportunity and benefits to Asian((-)) Pacific
6 Americans in government, education, economic development, employment,
7 and services.

8 **Sec. 7.** RCW 49.04.100 and 1990 c 72 s 1 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 Joint apprenticeship programs entered into under authority of
11 chapter 49.04 RCW and which receive any state assistance in
12 instructional or other costs, shall include entrance of women and
13 racial minorities in such program, when available, in a ratio not less
14 than the percentage of the minority race and female (minority and
15 nonminority) labor force in the program sponsor's labor market area,
16 based on current census figures issued by the office of financial
17 management with the ultimate goal of obtaining the proportionate ratio
18 of representation in the total program membership. Where minimum
19 standards have been set for entering upon any such apprenticeship
20 program, this woman and racial minority representation shall be filled
21 when women and racial minority applicants have met such minimum
22 standards and irrespective of individual ranking among all applicants
23 seeking to enter the program: PROVIDED, That nothing in RCW 49.04.100
24 through 49.04.130 will affect the total number of entrants into the
25 apprenticeship program or modify the dates of entrance both as
26 established by the joint apprenticeship committee. Racial minority for
27 the purposes of RCW 49.04.130 shall include African Americans, Asian
28 Pacific Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Filipinos, and
29 all other racial minority groups.

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