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3 By Senators Patterson and Shin

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 43.117.010 and 1995 c 67 s 2 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 The legislature declares that the public policy of this state is to  
10 insure equal opportunity for all of its citizens. The legislature  
11 finds that Asian Pacific Americans have unique and special problems.  
12 It is the purpose of this chapter to improve the well-being of Asian  
13 Pacific Americans by insuring their access to participation in the  
14 fields of government, business, education, and other areas. The  
15 legislature is particularly concerned with the plight of those Asian  
16 Pacific Americans who, for economic, linguistic, or cultural reasons,  
17 find themselves disadvantaged or isolated from American society and the  
18 benefits of equal opportunity. The legislature aims to help these and  
19 all Asian Pacific Americans achieve full equality and inclusion in  
20 American society. The legislature further finds that it is necessary  
21 to aid Asian Pacific Americans in obtaining governmental services in  
22 order to promote the health, safety, and welfare of all the residents  
23 of this state. Therefore the legislature deems it necessary to create  
24 a commission to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.117 RCW  
26 to read as follows:

27 The legislature declares that:

28 (1) May of each year will be known as Asian Pacific American  
29 Heritage Month;

30 (2) The fourth week of May is designated as a time for people of  
31 this state to celebrate the contributions to the state by Asian Pacific  
32 Americans including, but not limited to, the arts, sciences, commerce,  
33 and education; and

34 (3) Educational institutions, public entities, and private  
35 organizations are encouraged to designate time for appropriate

1 activities in commemoration of the lives, history, achievements, and  
2 contributions of Asian Pacific Americans.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.117.070 and 1995 c 67 s 5 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (1) The commission shall examine and define issues pertaining to  
6 the rights and needs of Asian Pacific Americans, and make  
7 recommendations to the governor and state agencies with respect to  
8 desirable changes in program and law.

9 (2) The commission shall (~~further~~) advise such state government  
10 agencies on the development and implementation of comprehensive and  
11 coordinated policies, plans, and programs focusing on the special  
12 problems and needs of Asian Pacific Americans.

13 (3) The commission shall coordinate and assist with state-wide  
14 celebrations during the fourth week of Asian Pacific American Heritage  
15 Month that recognize the contributions to the state by Asian Pacific  
16 Americans including, but not limited to, the arts, sciences, commerce,  
17 and education.

18 (4) Each state department and agency shall provide appropriate and  
19 reasonable assistance to the commission as needed in order that the  
20 commission may carry out the purposes of this chapter.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect April 30, 2000."

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25 In line 2 of the title, after "Month;" strike the remainder of the  
26 title and insert "amending RCW 43.117.010 and 43.117.070; adding a new  
27 section to chapter 43.117 RCW; and providing an effective date."

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