

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

SB 6622

Title: AN ACT Relating to the designation of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Brief Description: Designating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Sponsor: Senators Shin and Rasmussen.

BRIEF SUMMARY

· Establishes Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

HOUSE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

BACKGROUND:

The Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs exists within the Office of the Governor and consists of twelve members appointed by the Governor. The commission must examine and define issues pertaining to the rights and needs of Asian Pacific Americans, and make recommendations to the Governor and state agencies with respect to desirable changes in programs and laws. The commission must also advise agencies on the development and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated policies, plans, and programs focusing on the special problems and needs of Asian Pacific Americans.

SUMMARY:

May of each year will be known as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The fourth week of May will be designated as a time for people to celebrate the contributions made to the state by Asian Pacific Americans. Educational institutions, public entities, and private organizations are encouraged to designate time for appropriate activities to commemorate the lives, history, achievements, and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans.

The Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs must coordinate and assist with state-wide celebrations during the fourth week of May that recognize the contributions made to the state by Asian Pacific Americans.

Rule Making Authority: No express authority.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is enacted.