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HOUSE BILL 2115

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By Representatives Kenney, Ogden, Carlson, Rockefeller and Santos

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1            AN ACT Relating to the Washington commission for the humanities;  
2 creating new sections; and making an appropriation.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Washington  
5 commission for the humanities' educational, cultural, and literacy  
6 projects and programs are highly popular and proven effective in  
7 communities throughout the state because of their creative approaches,  
8 assertive outreach, and excellent cooperation with local organizations.

9            The legislature further finds that there are unmet needs for the  
10 following commission programs:

- 11            (1) The inquiring mind public discussion series;  
12            (2) The clemente course, a college level humanities course for  
13 adults living in poverty;  
14            (3) The motherread/fatheread family literacy program which works  
15 through schools, headstart/ECEAP, and local literacy programs; and  
16            (4) The traveling exhibit program.

17            The legislature further finds that the public purposes of the  
18 Washington commission for the humanities' programs are underscored by  
19 the fact that the governor appoints five of its trustees; that it

1 receives funding from the national endowment for the humanities; and  
2 that in thirty-seven states, its counterpart agency receives state  
3 funding.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** It is the legislature's intent that the  
5 state partnership with the Washington commission for the humanities be  
6 strengthened in order to better meet state-wide demand for these vital  
7 educational, literacy, and cultural programs by providing a state  
8 match.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one million dollars, or as much  
10 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending  
11 June 30, 2001, from the general fund to the secretary of state for the  
12 purposes of this act.

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