

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5707**

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WOMEN'S HISTORY CONSORTIUM

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YEAS 43 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

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FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved May 11, 2005.

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5707** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

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**Secretary**

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senators Fraser, Eide, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Franklin, Kline, Haugen, Spanel and Rasmussen

Read first time 02/02/2005. Referred to Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

1            AN ACT Relating to creating a women's history consortium; adding  
2 new sections to chapter 27.34 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington state  
5 is widely recognized as being a steady leader in advancing rights and  
6 opportunities for women in all spheres of life. The legislature  
7 declares its intent to initiate the establishment of a Washington  
8 women's history consortium. This will improve the availability of  
9 historical information about the many actions taken by Washingtonians  
10 which have resulted in such notable and influential achievements for  
11 women and girls, for use by citizens, educators, researchers, and  
12 historians.

13            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** (1) A women's history consortium is created  
14 with the Washington state historical society as the managing agency.  
15 To ensure geographic, demographic, and subject matter diversity, the  
16 consortium shall be managed by a board of advisors representing a range  
17 of perspectives, including private citizens, business, labor,

1 historical societies, colleges and universities, educators, tribes, and  
2 public officials. Appointment of the board of advisors must be  
3 completed by September 30, 2005.

4 (2) The consortium is attached to the Washington state historical  
5 society as the managing agency. Accordingly, the agency shall:

6 (a) Direct and supervise the budgeting, recordkeeping, recording,  
7 and related administrative and clerical functions of the consortium;

8 (b) Include the consortium's budgetary requests in the society's  
9 departmental budget;

10 (c) Collect all nonappropriated revenues for the consortium and  
11 deposit them in the proper fund or account;

12 (d) Provide staff support for the consortium;

13 (e) Print and disseminate for the consortium any required notices,  
14 rules, or orders adopted by the consortium; and

15 (f) Allocate or otherwise provide office space for the consortium  
16 as may be necessary.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The board of advisors shall consist of  
18 fifteen members. The governor shall appoint eleven members to the  
19 board of advisors. Two members of the senate, one each representing  
20 the two largest caucuses of the senate, shall be appointed by the  
21 president of the senate, and two members of the house of  
22 representatives, one each representing the two largest caucuses of the  
23 house of representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house  
24 of representatives.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Key responsibilities of the board of  
26 advisors include:

27 (1) Organizational and fiscal planning, management, and oversight;

28 (2) Adopting criteria and procedures for consortium membership and  
29 member responsibilities;

30 (3) Identifying short-term and long-term priorities of the  
31 consortium, with special emphasis on short-term priorities relating to  
32 preserving historical information from the last several decades before  
33 it is lost;

34 (4) Appointing special committees and task forces including people  
35 from consortium members and nonmembers to assist with the consortium's  
36 tasks; and

1 (5) Developing recommendations for statewide commemoration of the  
2 centennial of the adoption in 1910 of the fifth amendment to the  
3 Washington state Constitution, guaranteeing women's suffrage.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Within available resources, the consortium  
5 responsibilities include:

6 (1) Compiling a comprehensive index of existing historically  
7 relevant materials and making it available in electronic and print  
8 form;

9 (2) Identifying topics, historical periods, materials, or  
10 activities not well represented in publicly accessible collections and  
11 developing strategies for making them publicly available, including  
12 topics related to motherhood and the accomplishments of mothers in  
13 Washington;

14 (3) Encouraging collection and preservation of materials important  
15 to understanding Washington women's history, with special emphasis on  
16 the last several decades;

17 (4) Referring potential donors of historical materials to  
18 appropriate museums, archives, libraries, and other organizations  
19 throughout the state;

20 (5) Developing protocols for protection of donations, loans,  
21 leases, and purchases of historically relevant materials;

22 (6) Encouraging exhibit development and sharing among member  
23 organizations and others;

24 (7) Encouraging public access and educational institution access to  
25 women's history information, materials, and exhibits;

26 (8) Seeking private donations to assist with consortium work;

27 (9) Developing a concept for a grant program;

28 (10) Developing a volunteer program; and

29 (11) Encouraging development of curriculum materials.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The consortium board of advisors shall  
31 provide a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
32 December 1, 2006, addressing the following:

33 (1) Progress on activities identified in sections 4 and 5 of this  
34 act; and

35 (2) Consortium needs and plans for the future.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 7.**    The consortium shall provide a report to the  
2    governor and the legislature by September 1, 2006, regarding  
3    recommendations for commemorating the 2010 centennial of the women's  
4    suffrage amendment to the state Constitution.

5        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    Sections 2 through 6 of this act are each  
6    added to chapter 27.34 RCW.

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