

1 **HB 2403 - H AMD 457 WITHDRAWN 2-14-00**

2 By Representatives Woods and Haigh

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
4 following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that more than two
6 hundred fifty thousand of Washington's citizens served their country in
7 the armed forces of the United States during World War II. The
8 legislature also finds that almost six thousand of those citizens
9 sacrificed their lives to secure our nation's and the world's peace and
10 freedom. The legislature finds that the hardships and sacrifices
11 endured by the families and communities of these service men and women
12 were critical to the eventual success of our nation's defense.

13 It is the intent of the legislature to recognize the dedication of
14 the men and women of Washington state who served or were wounded,
15 killed, or missing in action during World War II by honoring these
16 patriots through a contribution towards the construction of a national
17 World War II memorial to be located in Washington, D.C., and through
18 preservation of the memories of these stalwart patriots. The national
19 World War II memorial will be the first national memorial dedicated to
20 all who served during World War II. All military veterans of the war,
21 the citizens on the home front, the nation at-large, and the high moral
22 purpose and idealism that motivated the nation's call to arms will be
23 honored with this memorial. The legislature also intends to honor the
24 veterans who served in World War II, their supportive families, and
25 others who contributed to the defense of our country, by preserving
26 their memories so Washington's school children will never forget the
27 significant human costs of war and the sacrifices of their ancestors to
28 preserve and protect our country and the world from tyranny. The
29 legislature further intends that efforts to honor and preserve the
30 memories must include the memories of all women and men of our armed
31 forces, their family members, and others involved in the war effort so
32 that these memories mirror our nation's rich ethnic diversity.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 73.40 RCW
34 to read as follows:

1 The national World War II memorial account is created in the
2 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from appropriations and
3 other sources must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from
4 the account may be used only for the national World War II memorial in
5 Washington, D.C. Only the director of the department of veterans'
6 affairs or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the
7 account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter
8 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 (1) The World War II oral history project is established for the
12 purpose of providing oral history presentations, documentation, and
13 other materials to assist the office of the superintendent of public
14 instruction and educators in the development of a curriculum for use in
15 kindergarten through twelfth grade.

16 (2) The project shall be administered by the office of the
17 superintendent of public instruction. The office shall convene an
18 advisory committee to assist in the design and implementation of the
19 project. The committee shall be composed of members of the World War
20 II memorial educational foundation, the department of veterans affairs,
21 the secretary of state's office, and legislators involved with and
22 interested in the development of the oral history project. The
23 committee may select its own chair and may expand its membership to
24 include the services of other individuals, agencies, or organizations
25 on the basis of need. The office shall provide staffing and
26 administrative support to the advisory committee.

27 (3) The project will preserve for the education of Washington's
28 school children the memories and history of our state's citizens who
29 served their state and country as members of the armed forces or
30 through national or community contributions during World War II. The
31 project is intended to preserve these memories and history through
32 audiotapes, videotapes, films, stories, printed transcripts, digitally,
33 and through other appropriate methods.

34 (4) As part of the project, the office of the superintendent of
35 public instruction shall identify the requirements regarding
36 instructional guides to help educators use the preserved material in
37 age and grade appropriate ways.

1 (5) In its administration of the project, the office may carry out
2 its responsibilities through contracts with filming and taping
3 specialists, mini-grants to schools, contracts with the World War II
4 memorial educational foundation, and through other means recommended by
5 the foundation. At least seventy-five percent of any appropriation for
6 the program shall be used exclusively for recording, through videotapes
7 and film, the first hand accounts of our state's citizens who served
8 their state and country as members of the armed forces or through
9 national or community contributions during World War II.

10 (6) By December 1, 2000, and every second year thereafter in which
11 the project has received funding through the appropriations act, the
12 office shall report on the results of the project to the governor and
13 the house of representatives and senate committees on education. The
14 December 2000 report shall include, but need not be limited to,
15 identification of the project's implementation strategies and resource
16 requirements, and any curriculum standards developed through the
17 project."

18 Correct the title

EFFECT: In addition to contributing to the construction of a national World War II memorial, the state will honor World War II veterans, their families, and others who contributed to the war effort through preserving their history and memories for the education of future generations. The World War II Oral History project is created for that purpose. The elements of the project are described.