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By Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** On August 26, 1920, with the action of
4 the Tennessee legislature, the Nineteenth Amendment to the United
5 States Constitution was ratified, establishing the right to vote for
6 most American women. However, this right for some women occurred
7 later: Native Americans generally by 1924; many Asians during the
8 mid-twentieth century; and many others following enactment of voting
9 rights legislation during the 1960s.

10 The introduction, passage, and ratification of the Nineteenth
11 Amendment were the result of decades of work and struggle by women's
12 voting rights advocates throughout the United States, with people
13 from Washington state providing significant leadership.

14 In 1854, six years after the landmark women's rights convention
15 in Seneca Falls, New York, the Washington territorial legislature
16 initially considered enacting women's right to vote. Susan B. Anthony
17 visited Washington territory in 1871, and addressed the Washington
18 territorial legislature, the first woman in the country to address a
19 state legislative body in session. This spurred the creation of many
20 women's right to vote associations in Washington and in other states.

21 State women's right to vote legislation eventually passed the
22 Washington territorial legislature twice, but each time was found
23 unconstitutional by the territorial supreme court. With the 1910
24 approval of a state constitutional amendment by the male voters of
25 the state, Washington became the first state in the twentieth
26 century, and the fifth state overall, to enact women's right to vote
27 at the state level.

28 In 2009, the state of Washington posthumously awarded its highest
29 honor, the medal of merit, to the two key leaders of the Washington
30 women's right to vote movement, Emma Smith DeVoe and May Arkwright
31 Hutton.

1 The path to women's suffrage was blazed by western states.
2 Washington's action (1910) followed Wyoming (1890), Colorado (1893),
3 Utah (1870), and Idaho (1896). These successes were immediately
4 followed by California (1911) and Oregon (1912), in establishing
5 women's right to vote.

6 Washington was a major leader in the movement for nationwide
7 women's right to vote. Washington was the first state in the
8 twentieth century to fully enfranchise women, and inspired the
9 nationwide campaign that soon brought success in many western states
10 and the territory of Alaska, culminating in the Nineteenth Amendment
11 to the United States Constitution providing for American women
12 throughout the country to vote.

13 In 2010, the Washington women's history consortium provided
14 leadership for statewide commemoration of the centennial of
15 Washington state women's right to vote, sponsoring and coordinating a
16 wide range of statewide activities.

17 The centennial of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the
18 United States Constitution, in 2020, offers still greater
19 opportunities for Washingtonians to commemorate and educate
20 themselves and future generations about the importance of voting and
21 civic engagement. Washingtonians and the many visitors to Washington
22 will benefit from learning about and becoming inspired by the
23 historic efforts of the women's right to vote movement in Washington
24 and throughout the nation, and the subsequent impacts on life in
25 Washington and the United States.

26 Therefore, the legislature finds it beneficial to begin the
27 process of preparing for statewide commemoration from 2018 through
28 2020, of the centennial of the processes of congressional passage of
29 and states' legislative ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to
30 the United States Constitution, which established the right to vote
31 for American women.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Subject to the availability of amounts
33 appropriated for this specific purpose, the Washington women's
34 history consortium shall:

35 (1) Provide leadership for statewide commemoration from 2018
36 through 2020 of the centennial pertaining to the passage by congress
37 of the Nineteenth Amendment and its subsequent ratification by three-
38 fourths of the state legislatures in August 1920;

1 (2) Immediately begin preparations for this statewide
2 commemoration, to include but not be limited to:

3 (a) Consulting with a wide variety of organizations,
4 institutions, public agencies, educational agencies and institutions,
5 tourism organizations, and the general public about the content and
6 conduct of this statewide commemoration;

7 (b) Developing and encouraging others to develop a broad range of
8 widely available educational opportunities for Washingtonians
9 generally, students, and visitors, including significant online
10 educational resources, to:

11 (i) Learn about the importance of voting in the context of women
12 gaining the right to vote;

13 (ii) Consider the subsequent long-term impacts of women gaining
14 the right to vote;

15 (iii) Learn about the active leadership role of Washingtonians in
16 achieving the nationwide right to vote for women;

17 (iv) Honor the countless participants in the women's suffrage
18 movement; and

19 (v) Inspire future generations to treasure their right to vote;

20 (c) Planning, coordinating, and publicizing events and
21 informational materials for Washingtonians and visitors throughout
22 the state commemorating this centennial;

23 (3) Create and distribute a portfolio of public humanities
24 programs, and encourage others to also do this, to engage
25 Washingtonians and visitors with important aspects of the women's
26 right to vote movement;

27 (4) Encourage private organizations, schools, institutions of
28 higher education, public agencies, and local governments to organize
29 and participate in activities commemorating the centennial of the
30 Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution;

31 (5) Coordinate with the regional and national organizations and
32 agencies with respect to their commemorative work;

33 (6) Coordinate with the national collaborative for women's
34 history sites by contributing a Washington component to the
35 development of a nationwide votes for women trail; and

36 (7) Administer a grant program for public agencies, educational
37 institutions, and organizations exempt from taxation under Title 26
38 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code to assist
39 with their commemoration activities.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The consortium has the following powers,
2 and may exercise them as necessary to carry out its duties:

3 (1) To appoint task forces and advisory committees;

4 (2) To work with staff appointed by the Washington state
5 historical society;

6 (3) To enter into agreements or contracts; and

7 (4) To solicit, accept, use, and dispose of grants and gifts.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Legislative members serving on the
9 consortium or any task forces or advisory committees created to
10 further the purpose of the consortium must be reimbursed for travel
11 expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

12 (2) Representatives of state and local governments must be
13 reimbursed pursuant to the reimbursement policies of their respective
14 entity.

15 (3) Nonlegislative members are not entitled to be reimbursed for
16 travel expenses if they are elected officials or are participating on
17 behalf of an employer, governmental entity, or other organization.
18 Any reimbursement for other nonlegislative members is subject to
19 chapter 43.03 RCW.

20 **Sec. 5.** RCW 27.34.230 and 2005 c 333 s 15 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 The director or the director's designee shall:

23 (1) Receive, administer, and disburse such gifts, grants, and
24 endowments from private sources as may be made in trust or otherwise
25 for the purposes of RCW 27.34.200 (~~through~~) and 27.34.220, sections
26 1 through 4 of this act, or the federal act; and

27 (2) Develop and implement a cultural resource management plan.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This chapter expires July 1, 2021.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 4 and 6 of this act
30 constitute a new chapter in Title 27 RCW."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "suffrage;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 27.34.230; adding a
3 new chapter to Title 27 RCW; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Makes the following changes to the underlying bill:

(1) Provides clarification and technical corrections to the intent section and throughout the bill.

(2) Allows the consortium to appoint task forces and advisory committees.

(3) Allows the consortium to enter into agreements and contracts.

(4) Adds educational agencies and institutions and tourism organizations to the list of entities that the consortium must consult with.

(5) Clarifies that educational opportunities include significant online educational resources and be provided to Washingtonians generally, students, and visitors.

(6) Requires the consortium honor the countless participants in the women's suffrage movement and inspire future generations to treasure their right to vote.

(7) Removes the requirement for the Historical Society to report annually on the work of the consortium.

(8) Allows for the director to receive, administer, and disburse gifts, grants, and endowments for the purpose of the act.

(9) Makes the duties of the consortium subject to appropriation.

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