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1 AN ACT Relating to recording the oral histories of women who  
2 contributed to their communities, the state, or the nation during World  
3 War II; amending RCW 28A.300.370; creating a new section; and providing  
4 an effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the women of the  
7 greatest generation made essential contributions, in many different  
8 ways, to our nation's success in World War II. During the war, more  
9 than four hundred fifty thousand women served their country in the  
10 armed forces of the United States. Another group of women provided  
11 nursing and support services to the troops. These women were joined by  
12 more than two million women back home who, like Rosie the Riveter,  
13 worked in industries that supported service men and women abroad.  
14 Other women held the nation together by raising families, educating  
15 children, and taking care of the ill and elderly. These women held our  
16 families, businesses, and communities together, living with rationed  
17 goods and services so that the service men and women fighting in the  
18 war would have the materials they needed to be successful. The  
19 legislature finds that women in all these roles made sacrifices

1 necessary for the success of our nation's defense and contributions  
2 essential to the well-being of the people back home. The legislature  
3 further finds that to have a clearer reflection of women's sacrifices  
4 on behalf of freedom and democracy, it is necessary to include in the  
5 World War II oral history project the memories of women who contributed  
6 to the war effort through either military service or other important  
7 contributions to our nation, state, or communities.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.300.370 and 2000 c 112 s 2 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

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

15 (2) To the extent funds are appropriated or donated, the project  
16 shall be administered by the office of the superintendent of public  
17 instruction. The office shall convene an advisory committee to assist  
18 in the design and implementation of the project. The committee shall  
19 be composed of members of the World War II memorial educational  
20 foundation, the department of veterans affairs, the secretary of  
21 state's office, and legislators involved with and interested in the  
22 development of the oral history project. The committee may select its  
23 own chair and may expand its membership to include the services of  
24 other individuals, agencies, or organizations on the basis of need.  
25 The office shall provide staffing and administrative support to the  
26 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) Any funding provided to the program through the omnibus  
35 appropriations act for the 2005-2007 biennium shall be used to record  
36 the memories of women who meet the requirements of subsection (3) of  
37 this section.

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

5        ~~((+5))~~ (6) In its administration of the project, the office may  
6 carry out its responsibilities through contracts with filming and  
7 taping specialists, mini-grants to schools, contracts with the World  
8 War II memorial educational foundation, and through other means  
9 recommended by the foundation.

10       ~~((+6))~~ (7) By December 1, 2000, and every second year thereafter  
11 in which the project has received funding, the office shall report on  
12 the results of the project to the governor and the house of  
13 representatives and senate committees on education. The December 2000  
14 report shall include, but need not be limited to, identification of the  
15 project's implementation strategies and resource requirements, and any  
16 curriculum standards developed through the project.

17        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect August 1, 2005.

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