

# FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

### **Brief Description:**

Recognizing contributions of Chinese Americans and Americans of Chinese descent.

**Sponsors:** Senators Wagoner, Boehnke, Braun, Conway, Dozier, Frame, Gildon, Hasegawa, Holy, King, Kuderer, MacEwen, Mullet, Muzzall, Pedersen, Rivers, Rolfes, Schoesler, Short, Torres, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, J. and Wilson, L..

**Senate Committee on State Government & Elections**

**House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations**

**Background:** In 2000, Washington declared May of each year to be Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. According to the 2010 census, the Asian population grew faster than any other race group in the United States between 2000 and 2010. The 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates there are approximately 5.5 million people of Chinese descent alone or in combination in the United States, a growth of 51 percent since the 2000 census. Washington is home to the seventh-largest population of Americans of Chinese descent in the United States. The 2020 ACS documented 173,693 people of Chinese descent alone living in Washington, a growth of almost 80,000 since the 2010 census.

In 2019, Washington declared October of each year Filipino American History Month.

**Summary:** The state declares that January of each year will be known as Chinese American/Americans of Chinese Descent History Month.

Public schools are encouraged to designate time for appropriate activities in commemoration of Chinese American/Americans of Chinese Descent History Month and the lives, history, achievements, and contributions of Chinese Americans and Americans of Chinese descent.

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**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	48	0	
House	94	2	(House amended)
Senate	47	0	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 23, 2023