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**SENATE BILL 5000**

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

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1 AN ACT Relating to recognizing contributions of Americans of  
2 Chinese descent; and adding a new section to chapter 43.117 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.117  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) January of each year will be known as Americans of Chinese  
7 descent history month. Each January is designated as a time for  
8 people of this state to commemorate the contributions of Americans of  
9 Chinese descent to the history and heritage of Washington state and  
10 the United States.

11 (2) Public schools are encouraged to designate time for  
12 appropriate activities in commemoration of Americans of Chinese  
13 descent history month and the lives, history, achievements, and  
14 contributions of Americans of Chinese descent.

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