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By Representatives Johnson, Ogden, Honeyford, Kessler, Dickerson, Blalock, Conway, Wensman, D. Schmidt, Gombosky, Keiser, Wood, Carlson, Quall, Constantine and Mason; by request of Washington State Historical Society

Read first time 02/10/97. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to governor's awards for excellence in teaching  
2 history; and adding a new section to chapter 27.34 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 27.34 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Many people throughout the state contribute significantly to  
7 the promotion of historical study as a means to give the state's  
8 citizens a better sense of the past. The Washington state historical  
9 society recognizes the accomplishments of many men and women in the  
10 teaching professions whose skill and achievement in the inculcating of  
11 historic values are not given the recognition nor the support they  
12 deserve or given the encouragement to continue their work.

13 (2) The governor's award for excellence in teaching history is  
14 created to annually recognize teachers and public and private nonprofit  
15 historical organizations that have organized, conducted, published, or  
16 offered service on a consistently exemplary basis, outstanding  
17 activities that promote a better understanding and appreciation of the  
18 state's history. One cash award to an individual teacher and one cash  
19 award to an organization shall be made each year. The sums described

1 in this section shall be raised through solicitations from private  
2 donors.

3 (3) The Washington state historical society's board of trustees  
4 shall make the final determination of award recipients.

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