

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6622

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Designating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Sponsors: Senators Shin, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles, Sheahan, McAuliffe, Prentice, B. Sheldon, Winsley, Finkbeiner, Benton, Fairley, Eide, Goings, Bauer, Franklin, Haugen, Gardner, Loveland, T. Sheldon, Jacobsen, Hargrove, Kline, Fraser, Heavey, Patterson, Hale and Roach.

Senate Committee on State & Local Government

House Committee on State Government

Background: The Legislature has declared that it is particularly concerned with the plight of those Asian Pacific Americans who, for economic, linguistic, or cultural reasons, find themselves disadvantaged or isolated from American society and the benefits of equal opportunity.

Summary: The Legislature declares that May of each year to be known as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The fourth week of May is designated as a time for people of this state to celebrate contributions to the state by Asian Pacific Americans; and educational institutions, public entities, and private organizations are encouraged to commemorate the lives, history, achievements, and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans.

The State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs coordinates and assists statewide celebrations during the fourth week of Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	46	0
House	96	1

Effective: April 30, 2000