

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSJM 8026

As Passed Legislature

Brief Description: Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Bauer, Heavey, Benton, Franklin, Eide, Patterson, Kline, Johnson, Gardner, Thibaudeau, Rossi, Goings, Hargrove, B. Sheldon, Horn, Haugen, Hochstatter, T. Sheldon, Swecker, Jacobsen, Fairley, Rasmussen, Prentice, Snyder, Stevens, Loveland, Roach, Hale, Honeyford, Brown, Spanel, Fraser, Costa, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles and Oke).

Senate Committee on State & Local Government

House Committee on State Government

Background: On Sunday, June 25, 1950, seven North Korean Army Divisions supported by tanks and aircraft, conducted an attack and invaded the Southern Republic of Korea. Three years and five million casualties later, a cease fire was secured ending the fighting only miles from where it began. Nearly 4,500 citizens of our state served in the Korean War, known as the Forgotten War,– and 472 were killed in action. As a nation, we should educate every generation of Americans on the history of the Korean War in preserving our nation’s liberty, freedom, and prosperity. Commemorating this event will provide Americans with a clear understanding of, and appreciation for, the sacrifices of these veterans and their families.

Summary: The Legislature respectfully prays that the President of the United States, Congress, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense encourage communities nationwide to hold public recognition programs commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48 0
House	97 0