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1 AN ACT Relating to a World War II oral history project; adding a  
2 new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that more than two  
5 hundred fifty thousand of Washington's citizens served their country in  
6 the armed forces of the United States during World War II. The  
7 legislature also finds that almost six thousand of those citizens  
8 sacrificed their lives to secure our nation's and the world's peace and  
9 freedom. The legislature finds that the hardships and sacrifices  
10 endured by the families and communities of these service men and women  
11 were critical to the eventual success of our nation's defense. The  
12 legislature further finds the memories of these stalwart patriots must  
13 be preserved to remind future generations of the price the members of  
14 the greatest generation paid to preserve our democratic way of life.  
15 The legislature intends to honor the veterans who served in World War  
16 II and their supportive families by preserving their memories so  
17 Washington's school children will never forget the significant human  
18 costs of war and the efforts of their ancestors to preserve and protect  
19 our country and the world from tyranny.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 28A.300  
2 RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) The World War II oral history project is established.

4        (2) The project shall be administered by the office of the  
5 superintendent of public instruction.

6        (3) The project will preserve for the education of Washington's  
7 school children the memories of our state's citizens who served their  
8 state and country as members of the armed forces or through national or  
9 community contributions during World War II. The project is intended  
10 to preserve these memories through audiotapes, videotapes, films,  
11 stories, printed transcripts, digitally, and through other appropriate  
12 methods.

13        (4) Through the project, the office of the superintendent of public  
14 instruction shall prepare instructional guides to help educators use  
15 the preserved material in age and grade appropriate ways.

16        (5) In its administration of the project, the office may carry out  
17 its responsibilities through contracts with filming and taping  
18 specialists, mini-grants to schools, and other means recommended by the  
19 advisory committee.

20        (6) The office shall convene an advisory committee to assist it in  
21 its design and administration of the project. The committee may  
22 include, but need not be limited to, representatives of veterans'  
23 organizations, the state's legislative oral history program, historical  
24 societies, libraries, social studies educators, and appropriate public  
25 agencies.

26        (7) The office shall report on the results of the project by  
27 December 1, 2001, and every odd-numbered year thereafter that the  
28 project is funded. The report shall be provided to the governor and  
29 the house of representatives and senate committees on education.

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