

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5049

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As Passed Senate, March 11, 2003

**Title:** An act relating to veterans' history awareness month.

**Brief Description:** Designating veterans' history awareness month.

**Sponsors:** Senators Roach, Eide, Winsley, Franklin, Rasmussen, Stevens, Schmidt, Haugen, Parlette, Carlson, Esser and Sheahan.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations & Elections: 1/15/03 [DP].

Passed Senate: 3/11/03, 48-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Stevens, Vice Chair; Fairley, Horn, McCaslin and Reardon.

**Staff:** Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

**Background:** According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs there are 25 million living veterans, 48 million Americans who have served in the armed forces since 1776, and nearly one million Americans who have died in combat or combat-related events. On Veterans' Day Americans acknowledge, remember and honor the military personnel who protect and serve our country.

**Summary of Bill:** November of each year is known as veterans' history awareness month. The week in which Veterans' Day occurs is designated as a time for people to celebrate the contributions of veterans to the State of Washington. Educational institutions, public entities and private organizations are encouraged to designate time for activities in commemoration of the contributions of America's veterans.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** No one.