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**SENATE BILL 5756**

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**By** Senators Hunt, Muzzall, and Conway; by request of Lieutenant Governor and Washington State Historical Society

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the semiquincentennial committee;  
2 and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The semiquincentennial committee is  
5 established with members as provided in this subsection:

6 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from  
7 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate;

8 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one  
9 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
10 representatives;

11 (c) The lieutenant governor, or their designee;

12 (d) The secretary of state, or their designee;

13 (e) The superintendent of public instruction, or their designee;

14 (f) The director of the governor's office of Indian affairs, or  
15 their designee;

16 (g) The director of the Washington state historical society, or  
17 their designee;

18 (h) The director of the eastern Washington state historical  
19 society, or their designee;

20 (i) The director of the department of archaeology and historic  
21 preservation, or their designee;

- 1 (j) The director of Washington state parks, or their designee;  
2 (k) The secretary of the department of commerce, or their  
3 designee;  
4 (l) The director of the Washington state arts commission, or  
5 their designee;  
6 (m) One member selected by the commission on African American  
7 affairs;  
8 (n) One member selected by the commission on Asian American  
9 affairs;  
10 (o) One member selected by the commission on Hispanic affairs;  
11 (p) One member selected by the LGBTQ commission;  
12 (q) One member selected by the women's commission;  
13 (r) One member representing humanities Washington, appointed by  
14 the governor;  
15 (s) Any additional persons recommended by the commission to  
16 assist in its work and appointed by the governor, and any others he  
17 deems necessary, to serve as honorary members.  
18 (2) The lieutenant governor shall serve as chair of the  
19 committee.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The semiquincentennial committee shall  
21 coordinate and provide guidance for Washington's official observance  
22 of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, as  
23 marked by the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

24 (2) The committee may:

25 (a) Cooperate with national, regional, statewide, and local  
26 entities promoting the semiquincentennial;

27 (b) Assist, plan, or conduct semiquincentennial events;

28 (c) Support, plan, or produce educational resources and programs  
29 related to the semiquincentennial;

30 (d) Engage in or encourage fundraising activities including  
31 revenue-generating enterprises, as well as the solicitation of  
32 charitable gifts, grants, or donations;

33 (e) Coordinate interagency participation in the observance;

34 (f) Create subcommittees comprised of committee members, honorary  
35 members, and community members to further the goals of the committee;  
36 and

37 (g) Perform other related duties.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    (1) The semiquincentennial committee is  
2 attached to the Washington state historical society for  
3 administrative purposes. Accordingly, the society shall:

4        (a) Direct and supervise the budgeting, recordkeeping, reporting,  
5 and related administrative and clerical functions of the committee;

6        (b) Include the committee's budgetary requests in the society's  
7 departmental budget;

8        (c) Collect all nonappropriated revenues for the committee and  
9 deposit them in the proper fund or account;

10       (d) Provide staff support for the committee; and

11       (e) Print and disseminate for the committee any required notices,  
12 rules, or orders adopted by the committee.

13       (2) The society may employ personnel, contract for services, and  
14 receive, expend, and allocate gifts, grants, and donations on behalf  
15 of the committee. The society shall expend and allocate any  
16 appropriations authorized by the legislature to carry out the  
17 purposes of the committee.

18       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    The semiquincentennial account is created  
19 in the custody of the state treasurer. Expenditures from the account  
20 may be used only to finance the activities of the semiquincentennial  
21 committee. Only the lieutenant governor and the director of the  
22 Washington state historical society may authorize expenditures from  
23 the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under  
24 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for  
25 expenditures.

26       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    The semiquincentennial committee shall  
27 submit a yearly report of its activities to the legislature.

28       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    The semiquincentennial committee shall  
29 terminate June 30, 2027.

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