

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5000

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As of January 10, 2023

**Title:** An act relating to recognizing contributions of Americans of Chinese descent.

**Brief Description:** Recognizing contributions of Americans of Chinese descent.

**Sponsors:** Senator Wagoner.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State Government & Elections: 1/10/23.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Designates January of each year Americans of Chinese Descent History Month.
- Encourages public schools to designate time for appropriate activities in commemoration of Americans of Chinese Descent History Month.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

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**Background:** In 2000, Washington declared May of each year to be Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. According to the 2010 census, the Asian population grew faster than any other race group in the United States between 2000 and 2010. The 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates there are approximately 5.5 million people of Chinese descent alone or in combination in the United States, a growth of 51 percent since the 2000 census. Washington is home to the seventh-largest population of Americans of Chinese descent in the United States. The 2020 ACS documented 173,693 people of Chinese descent alone living in Washington, a growth of almost 80,000 since the 2010 census.

In 2019, Washington declared October of each year Filipino American History Month.

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**Summary of Bill:** The state declares that January of each year will be known as Americans of Chinese Descent History Month.

Public schools are encouraged to designate time for appropriate activities in commemoration of Americans of Chinese Descent History Month and the lives, history, achievements, and contributions of Americans of Chinese descent.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

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