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**HOUSE BILL 1749**

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**By** Representatives Chandler and Chopp

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1 AN ACT Relating to promoting instruction in public schools about  
2 the historical and cultural contributions of Filipino Americans;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and creating a new  
4 section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that Washington  
7 state has a vibrant Filipino American population that enriches our  
8 cultural, economic, and societal institutions. The legislature  
9 recognizes also that Filipino Americans have served honorably in the  
10 United States' armed services, defending and protecting the country  
11 throughout its history. The legislature, therefore, intends to direct  
12 the office of the superintendent of public instruction to identify  
13 and make available educational materials and resources that  
14 acknowledge the numerous and valuable contributions of Filipino  
15 Americans to the history and culture of Washington and the United  
16 States.

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

19 (1) By September 1, 2024, the office of the superintendent of  
20 public instruction shall identify and make available materials and

1 resources for use in grades kindergarten through 12 that recognize  
2 the contributions of Filipino Americans to the history and culture of  
3 the United States and Washington state. The materials must be  
4 designed to promote an understanding and appreciation for the  
5 numerous and diverse contributions of Filipino Americans, and to  
6 deepen students' appreciation of other cultures. The materials and  
7 resources must be posted on the website of the office of the  
8 superintendent of public instruction.

9 (2) Public schools are encouraged to provide instruction to  
10 students in kindergarten through grade 12 using the materials made  
11 available under this section.

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