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By Senators Nobles, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Lovelett, Valdez, Wellman, and C. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to instruction on Asian American, Native
2 Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander history in public schools; adding a
3 new section to chapter 28A.655 RCW; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 28A.320 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.655
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) By September 2027, the office of the superintendent of public
9 instruction shall adopt Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific
10 Islander history learning standards as part of the state social
11 studies learning standards and shall identify available curricula and
12 other instructional materials that are aligned to those standards for
13 use by school districts. For purposes of developing the learning
14 standards, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander
15 history includes, but is not limited to, the history of Americans of
16 East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, Native Hawaiian, and
17 Pacific Islander descent.

18 (2) The learning standards must include, but need not be limited
19 to, the following topics:

1 (a) A focus on the history of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians,
2 and Pacific Islanders in the state, the region, and the United
3 States; and

4 (b) The contributions of:

5 (i) Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders
6 towards advancing civil rights from the 19th century to the present
7 day;

8 (ii) Individual Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific
9 Islanders in government, the arts, humanities, and sciences; and

10 (iii) Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander
11 communities to the economic, cultural, social, and political
12 development of the United States.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) Beginning in the 2028-29 school year, school districts shall
16 provide instruction in grades K-12 on Asian American, Native
17 Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander history when the topic aligns with the
18 social studies learning standards and included in United States
19 history and Washington state history. This instruction must include
20 the topics identified in section 1(2)(b) of this act.

21 (2) When providing instruction on Asian American, Native
22 Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander history, school districts are
23 encouraged to use the curricular resources identified by the office
24 of the superintendent of public instruction under the provisions of
25 section 1 of this act or other existing and appropriate public or
26 private materials, personnel, and resources, provided that they are
27 in accordance with the state learning standards adopted by the office
28 of the superintendent of public instruction.

29 (3) A school district may accept gifts, grants, and donations,
30 including in-kind donations, related to instruction on Asian
31 American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander history.

32 (4) Beginning in 2029, and annually thereafter, each school
33 district shall attest to the state board of education that the
34 district is offering the program of instruction required under this
35 section, and that the program of instruction is planned, ongoing, and
36 systematic.

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