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By Representatives Nelson, Wood, Wang, Franklin, Jacobsen, Cole, Winsley, Miller and Anderson.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Asian American endowed scholarship program;
2 and adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the benefit
5 to our state and nation of providing equal educational opportunities
6 for all races and nationalities. The legislature finds that Asian
7 American students are underrepresented in Washington's colleges and
8 universities. The legislature also finds that past discriminatory
9 practices have resulted in this underrepresentation. Creating an
10 endowed scholarship program to help Asian American students obtain a
11 higher education will help to rectify past discrimination by providing
12 a means and an incentive for Asian American students to pursue a higher
13 education. The state will benefit from contributions made by Asian
14 Americans who participate in a program of higher education.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
2 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
3 chapter.

4 (1) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a
5 college or university in the state of Washington which is accredited by
6 an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the higher
7 education coordinating board.

8 (2) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

9 (3) "Eligible student" or "student" means an Asian American student
10 as defined by the board in consultation with the advisory committee
11 described in section 4 of this act, who is a financially needy student,
12 as defined by the board, who is a resident student, as defined by RCW
13 28B.15.012(2), who is a full-time student at an institution of higher
14 education, and who promises to use his or her education to benefit
15 other Asian Americans.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The Asian American endowed scholarship
17 program is created. The program shall be administered by the board.
18 In administering the program, the board's powers and duties shall
19 include but not be limited to:

20 (1) Selecting students to receive scholarships, with the assistance
21 of a screening committee composed of persons involved in helping Asian
22 American students obtain a higher education;

23 (2) Adopting necessary rules and guidelines;

24 (3) Publicizing the program;

25 (4) Accepting and depositing donations into the endowment fund
26 created in section 7 of this act;

27 (5) Requesting and accepting from the state treasurer moneys earned
28 from the trust fund and the endowment fund created in sections 6 and 7
29 of this act;

1 (6) Soliciting and accepting grants and donations from public and
2 private sources for the program; and

3 (7) Naming scholarships in honor of Asian Americans who have acted
4 as role models.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The board shall establish an advisory
6 committee to assist in program design and to develop criteria for the
7 screening and selection of scholarship recipients. The committee shall
8 be composed of persons involved in helping Asian American students
9 obtain higher education. The criteria shall include a priority for
10 upper-division or graduate students. The criteria shall also include
11 a priority for students who are majoring in program or subject areas in
12 which Asian American students are underrepresented in Washington's
13 colleges and universities. The criteria may include a priority for
14 students who are majoring in program areas in which expertise is needed
15 by the state's Asian Americans.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The board may award scholarships to
17 eligible students from moneys earned from the endowment fund created in
18 section 7 of this act, or from funds appropriated to the board for this
19 purpose, or from any private donations, or from any other funds given
20 to the board for this program. For an undergraduate student, the
21 amount of the scholarship shall not exceed the student's demonstrated
22 financial need. For a graduate student, the amount of the scholarship
23 shall not exceed the student's demonstrated need or the stipend of a
24 teaching assistant, including tuition, at the University of Washington,
25 whichever is higher. In calculating a student's need, the board shall
26 consider the student's costs for tuition, fees, books, supplies,
27 transportation, room, board, personal expenses, and child care. The
28 student's scholarship awarded under this chapter shall not exceed the

1 amount received by a student attending a state research university. A
2 student is eligible to receive a scholarship for a maximum of five
3 years. However, the length of the scholarship shall be determined at
4 the discretion of the board.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The Asian American endowed scholarship
6 trust fund is established. The trust fund shall be administered by the
7 state treasurer. Funds appropriated by the legislature for the trust
8 fund shall be deposited into the fund. All moneys deposited in the
9 fund shall be invested by the state treasurer. Notwithstanding RCW
10 43.84.090, all earnings of investments of balances of the trust fund
11 shall be credited to the fund. At the request of the board, and when
12 conditions set forth in section 8 of this act are met, the treasurer
13 shall transfer state matching moneys and any earned interest from the
14 trust fund to the Asian American scholarship endowment fund. No
15 appropriation is required for expenditures from the trust fund.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The Asian American scholarship endowment
17 fund is established. The endowment fund shall be administered by the
18 state treasurer. Moneys received from the board, private donations,
19 state matching moneys and any earned interest, and funds received from
20 any other source may be deposited into the endowment fund. All moneys
21 deposited in the endowment fund shall be invested by the state
22 treasurer. Notwithstanding RCW 43.84.090, all earnings of investments
23 of balances of the endowment fund shall be credited to the endowment
24 fund. At the request of the board, the treasurer shall release
25 earnings from the endowment fund to the board for scholarships. No
26 appropriation is required for expenditures from the endowment fund.

1 The principal of the endowment fund shall not be invaded. The
2 earnings on the fund shall be used solely for the purposes set forth in
3 section 5 of this act.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The board may request that the treasurer
5 deposit fifty thousand dollars of state matching funds and any earned
6 interest into the Asian American scholarship endowment fund when the
7 board can match the state funds with an equal amount of private cash
8 donations. Private cash donations means moneys from nonstate sources
9 that include, but are not limited to, federal moneys, and assessments
10 by commodity commissions authorized to conduct research activities,
11 including but not limited to research studies authorized under RCW
12 15.66.030 and 15.65.040.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 1 through 8 of this act shall
14 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.