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**Friday, April 8, 2022**

**10:00 AM- 11:00 AM**

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| 10:00-10:10 | 1. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes and Agenda                |
| 10:10-10:40 | 2. Office of Education Ombuds<br>Danielle Eidenberg, Ombuds |
| 10:40-10:50 | 3. Semi-quincentennial Committee                            |
| 10:50-11:00 | 4. May Strategic Planning Logistics                         |
| 11:00       | 5. Adjourn  |

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5756**

Chapter 97, Laws of 2022

67th Legislature  
2022 Regular Session

SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 9, 2022

Passed by the Senate February 2, 2022  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 4, 2022  
Yeas 70 Nays 26

Laurie Jinkins

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved March 17, 2022 12:59 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5756** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

SARAH BANNISTER

**Secretary**

FILED

March 17, 2022

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate State Government & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Hunt, Muzzall, and Conway; by request of Lieutenant Governor and Washington State Historical Society)

READ FIRST TIME 01/27/22.

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

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 director 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 (2) The committee may invite additional persons it deems  
16 necessary to serve as honorary members of the committee.
- 17 (3) The lieutenant governor shall serve as chair of the  
18 committee.

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

23 (2) The committee may:

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

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

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

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

32 (e) Coordinate interagency participation in the observance;

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

36 (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 Washington state historical society may employ personnel,  
14 contract for services, and receive, expend, and allocate gifts,  
15 grants, and donations on behalf of the committee. The society shall  
16 expend and allocate any appropriations authorized by the legislature  
17 to carry out the 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.**    This act expires June 30, 2027.

Passed by the Senate February 2, 2022.

Passed by the House March 4, 2022.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 2022.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 17, 2022.

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*July 4, 2026 will mark 250 years since the United States of America declared its independence as a nation. As this momentous anniversary approaches, Americans have an unparalleled opportunity to reflect on our past, to celebrate the rich tapestry of our present, and to advance the promise of our democracy for future generations.*

### **About America250**

Congress established the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to lead the nationwide commemoration of this historic milestone. The America250 Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit, serves as the operational arm of the Commission, leading its planning, programs, events, and partnerships.

The Commission and the Foundation envision the America250 commemoration as a monumental, multiyear initiative, engaging each and every American in what we expect to be the largest and most inclusive anniversary observance in our nation's history.

### **Our Vision**

The Commission and Foundation are planning for an America250 commemorative period that will:

- Take place during the years 2020 through 2027;
- Consider the full scope of American history, from the pre-revolutionary era to today;
- Engage all states, territories, tribes, and communities across the country, as well as millions of friends worldwide;
- Focus on the themes of Invite, Involve, Imagine, and Inspire;
- Include several national signature programs and spark more than 100,000 grassroots programs across the country; and
- Attract billions of dollars in resources to local, state, territorial, and national economies.

### **Commemorating Nationwide**

The Commission and Foundation are encouraging each U.S. state and territory, as well as the District of Columbia, to form its own semiquincentennial commission or state-designated entity to plan for the nation's 250th anniversary. We aim to work closely with each of these state and territorial entities to facilitate coordination and collaboration, and to ensure the broadest possible participation and visibility as our country recognizes this historic moment.





## **Partnering with States and Territories**

States and territories are creating their official 250th commissions through legislation or executive order. Once your state or territory has formed its commission or entity, establishing an official partnership with the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission and the America250 Foundation will provide many benefits and opportunities, including:

- **Participating in a Nationwide Coalition:** The Commission and Foundation will facilitate a coalition of all official state and territorial semiquincentennial entities, allowing states and territories to connect, collaborate, and exchange information.
- **Reinforcing Consistent Themes:** The Commission and Foundation can provide guidance to the state and territorial commissions on how to incorporate the national themes of Invite, Involve, Imagine, and Inspire into state- and territory-based planning. The Commission and Foundation also welcome the opportunity to receive input from each state and territory to ensure the national effort helps to amplify the unique themes selected by the states and territories.
- **Expanding Visibility and Awareness:** The Commission and Foundation look forward to using our national platform to promote activities in the states and territories through press, social media, e-newsletters, website content, partner programs, and more.
- **Co-Branding Efforts:** The Commission and Foundation will create official "America250" logos tailored to each state and territory that we can offer to each official state and territorial semiquincentennial entity.
- **Enhancing Fundraising:** The Commission and Foundation aim to enhance states' and territories' semiquincentennial fundraising efforts through co-branding.
- **Partnering on National Signature Programs:** The Commission and Foundation will coordinate national signature programs to be conducted across the U.S. throughout the commemorative period, and will invite state and territorial commissions to participate.
- **Increasing Economic Development:** The Commission and Foundation expect that states' and territories' partnership with the national commemoration effort will increase tourism and economic development opportunities in each state and territory.

The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission and the America250 Foundation stand ready to partner with your state or territory to achieve our shared goals over the next several years. We look forward to working with you to honor your state's or territory's unique story and contributions during this once-in-a-lifetime observance. For more information and to discuss partnership opportunities, please email us at [states@america250.org](mailto:states@america250.org).

