

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

SJM 8022

Brief Description: Recognizing America's World War II veterans.

Sponsor: Senators Rasmussen and Swecker.

BRIEF SUMMARY

- The Legislature respectfully asks that Congress accept the support of the people of the State of Washington for the National World War II Veterans' Memorial.

HOUSE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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BACKGROUND:

World War II began in 1939 and by its end had involved many nations including the United States, France, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, Germany, Italy, and Japan. The war ended in Europe on May 8, 1945 with the surrender of Germany, and in the Pacific on September 2, 1945 with the surrender of Japan.

In 1993, Congress passed and the President signed legislation authorizing the construction of a national World War II Memorial in Washington DC. The memorial will be the first national memorial dedicated to the armed forces serving in World War II. The memorial will be located on the National Mall between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

SUMMARY:

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Rule Making Authority: No express authority.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is enacted.