

## Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of WI: Celebrates Wisconsin's historic move to integrate Asian American and Hmong American history and contributions into K-12 curriculum

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MADISON, WI – The Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Coalition of Wisconsin celebrates a significant milestone in Wisconsin's educational landscape with the passage of Assembly Bill 232 (AB232)/Senate Bill 240 (SB240).

This groundbreaking legislation amends Act 31 to include Asian American and Hmong American history and contributions within the K-12 public school curriculum across the state.

AB232/SB240 received bipartisan support and recognition for its vital role in fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in education. “By requiring schools to incorporate the rich tapestry of Asian American and Hmong American narratives into their instructional programs, Wisconsin demonstrates a commitment to providing all our students with a comprehensive understanding of the nation's diverse heritage,” said Lorna Young, chair of the AAPI Coalition of Wisconsin Education Committee.

The AAPI Coalition applauds the Wisconsin Legislature for recognizing the importance of Asian American and Hmong American experiences, which are often overlooked in traditional education. “By integrating Asian American and Hmong American history into K-12 curriculum, the state is not only honoring the diverse identities of its students but also fostering a more inclusive learning environment that reflects the true breadth of Wisconsin communities,” stated E Her Vang, Education Committee Member of the AAPI Coalition of WI.