

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6366

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Authorizing the Washington state historical society to work with the Lewis and Clark trail committee in developing activities to commemorate the Lewis and Clark trail bicentennial.

Sponsors: Senators Haugen, Prince, Wojahn, Sutherland, Winsley and Snyder; by request of Washington State Historical Society.

Senate Committee on Ecology & Parks

House Committee on Government Operations

Background: The bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition is approaching. The importance of the expedition in obtaining information about the lands west of the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, and its role in the Louisiana Purchase, are well known. Along the route of this historic expedition there are numerous counties, towns, rivers, colleges, schools and other place names that commemorate the expedition's legacy and its importance in the formation of the nation. There are numerous regional and national organizations that exist with the purpose of promoting an interest in the contribution of this exploration to the nation's history. To adequately prepare for the bicentennial commemorative activities, there is a need to coordinate among the various Washington historical organizations.

Summary: The Washington State Historical Society is directed to work with and provide leadership to the Lewis and Clark Trail Committee in planning commemorative activities relating to the expedition. The society is to coordinate its efforts with the State Parks and Recreation Commission, and work with other associations and state agencies to disseminate information about planned activities.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	43	0
House	96	0

Effective: June 6, 1996