## **HOUSE BILL REPORT**

## **HB 1852**

As Reported By House Committee On: State Government

Title: An act relating to historic preservation.

**Brief Description:** Requiring the identification, recordation, and evaluation of potentially historically significant state-owned or leased facilities.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Ogden, Brumsickle, Basich, Wood, J. Kohl, Kessler, Quall and Jacobsen.

## Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on: State Government, March 2, 1993, DP.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Anderson, Chair; Veloria, Vice Chair; Reams, Ranking Minority Member; Vance, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Campbell; Conway; Dyer; King; and Pruitt.

Staff: Bonnie Austin (786-7135).

Background: The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, in the Department of Community Development, is charged with preparing nominations to the state and national registers of historic places, establishing a matching grant program for historic site preservation, promoting historic preservation efforts, and maintaining a state register of historical, architectural, archaeological and cultural sites.

Summary of Bill: By January 2, 1994, the office will provide each state agency with a list of the agency's properties currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. By January 2, 1995, each state agency that owns property will provide to the office a list of those properties that are either at least 50 years old or that may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. By June 30, 1995, the office will compile and disseminate an inventory of state-owned historic properties.

The office will convene a task force to develop recommendations on guidelines for state agencies to

identify, evaluate, and protect historic properties. Members may include representatives of the affected agencies and other affected parties. The task force will address long-term management strategies and development of a process to review and comment on state agency actions affecting historical properties. The task force will report to the governor and the Legislature by October 31, 1995.

The office will provide technical historic preservation training to state agency staff involved with identifying and managing historic properties.

Fiscal Note: Available.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: None.