
HOUSE BILL 1196

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By Representative Riley

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1 AN ACT Relating to the department of corrections; amending RCW
2 43.17.210; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the successful
5 operation of the state's correctional system depends on providing
6 productive activities for inmates, and that there are inmates who have
7 demonstrated high levels of skill in fashioning and constructing works
8 of art. Further, under current state laws governing appropriations for
9 prison construction, a significant amount of funding is available for
10 purchase of works of art by the Washington state arts commission. The
11 purpose of this act is to provide an opportunity for inmates to sell
12 their artwork to the arts commission, thereby creating an incentive for
13 inmate artisans to continue to develop their skills, providing for
14 public recognition of those skills, and establishing an additional
15 means for inmates to meet their financial obligations.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.17.210 and 1990 c 33 s 575 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

1 The Washington state arts commission shall determine the amount to
2 be made available for the purchase of art in consultation with the
3 agency, except where another person or agency is specified under RCW
4 43.19.455, 28A.335.210, or 28B.10.025, and payments therefor shall be
5 made in accordance with law. The designation of projects and sites,
6 selection, contracting, purchase, commissioning, reviewing of design,
7 execution and placement, acceptance, maintenance, and sale, exchange,
8 or disposition of works of art shall be the responsibility of the
9 Washington state arts commission in consultation with the directors of
10 the state agencies. For department of corrections construction
11 projects, the commission shall give priority to selecting works of art
12 produced by inmates. However, the costs to carry out the Washington
13 state arts commission's responsibility for maintenance shall not be
14 funded from the moneys referred to in RCW 43.17.200, 43.19.455,
15 28A.335.210, or 28B.10.025, but shall be contingent upon adequate
16 appropriations being made for that purpose.

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