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1 AN ACT Relating to historic preservation; adding new sections to  
2 chapter 27.34 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

5 (a) The historical, architectural, archaeological, and cultural  
6 heritage of Washington is an important asset of the state and that the  
7 preservation and maintenance of these resources should be a high  
8 priority of state government;

9 (b) The state owns numerous significant historic properties and  
10 there is a benefit to citizens, communities, and the state in the  
11 preservation of these state-owned resources;

12 (c) While historic preservation must be balanced with the needs of  
13 state agencies, in a time of limited resources preservation of state-  
14 owned historic properties is a sound long-term investment for the  
15 state.

16 (2) It is, therefore, the purpose of this act to give authority to  
17 the office of archaeology and historic preservation to identify,  
18 record, and evaluate all state-owned facilities to determine which of  
19 these facilities may be considered historically significant, to require

1 the office to provide copies of the inventory to departments, agencies,  
2 and institutions that have jurisdiction over the buildings and sites  
3 listed, and to authorize the office of archaeology and historic  
4 preservation to convene a task force of state agencies to develop  
5 guidelines for state agencies to identify, evaluate, and protect  
6 historic properties.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires  
8 otherwise, the following definitions apply throughout sections 3 and 4  
9 of this act.

10 (1) "Agency" means the state agency, department, or institution  
11 that has ownership of historic property.

12 (2) "Historic properties" means those buildings, sites, objects,  
13 structures, and districts that are listed in or eligible for listing in  
14 the National Register of Historic Places.

15 (3) "Office" means the office of archaeology and historic  
16 preservation within the department of community development.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** By January 2, 1994, the office shall provide  
18 each agency with a list of the agency's properties currently listed on  
19 the National Register of Historic Places. By January 2, 1995, agencies  
20 that own property shall provide to the office a list of those  
21 properties that are either at least fifty years old or that may be  
22 eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If  
23 funding is available, the office may provide grants to state agencies  
24 to assist in the development of the agency's list. By June 30, 1995,  
25 the office shall compile and disseminate an inventory of state-owned  
26 historic properties.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The office shall provide technical historic  
28 preservation training for agency staff involved with the identification  
29 and management of historic properties.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The office shall convene a task force to  
31 develop recommendations on establishing state agency historic  
32 preservation guidelines to identify, evaluate, and protect historic  
33 properties. The task force may include but not be limited to  
34 representatives of affected state agencies and other interested or

1 affected parties. Topics the task force shall address include the  
2 following:

3 (a) Recommendations on long-range management strategies for the  
4 protection of state-owned historic properties; and

5 (b) Development of a process to review and comment on state agency  
6 actions that might affect identified historic properties.

7 (2) The task force shall present its recommendations to the  
8 governor and the legislature no later than October 31, 1995.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act are each  
10 added to chapter 27.34 RCW.

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