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1 AN ACT Relating to historic preservation; creating new sections;  
2 and providing an expiration date.

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

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

5 (1) Development often occurs in areas occupied by historic  
6 buildings and archaeological sites, and that development in such areas  
7 can lead to the loss of valuable cultural assets as well as add to the  
8 cost and complexity of development planning;

9 (2) Local government is in the best position to respond to such  
10 conflicts but is often without the legal apparatus to do so; and

11 (3) The failure to resolve such conflicts will lead to  
12 unanticipated development costs and the degradation of the state's  
13 patrimony.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires  
15 otherwise, as used in this act, "historic resources" means those sites,  
16 objects, or improvements that reflect or provide evidence of previous  
17 human activity considered scientifically or historically important by

1 local government or by inclusion in a state or national register of  
2 historic places.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) There is hereby established an historic  
4 resources and local government task force that shall investigate the  
5 impact of local development on significant historic and archaeological  
6 properties and propose future legislation to outline a model ordinance  
7 or other method for the local resolution of the intersection of  
8 historic resources and development.

9 (2) The task force shall include but need not be limited to local  
10 elected officials, planning officials, developers, Native Americans,  
11 archaeologists, historians, architects, and property owners. No more  
12 than two individuals shall be appointed from the same area of interest.  
13 The director of the department of community development shall appoint  
14 the chair and the members of the task force.

15 (3) The department of community development shall provide support  
16 services for the task force.

17 (4) The task force shall serve without compensation except travel,  
18 lodging, and subsistence in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and  
19 43.03.060.

20 (5) A simple majority shall constitute a quorum.

21 (6) The task force shall meet at the call of the chair.

22 (7) The task force shall terminate June 30, 1995.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The task force shall prepare a report  
24 conveying its recommendations for the most effective and efficient  
25 means of coordinating the protection of historic resources without  
26 creating an undue burden on local economic development efforts.

27 (2) In making the recommendations in subsection (1) of this  
28 section, the task force shall consider the impact of development on  
29 historic resources and the means available for the identification,  
30 evaluation, and protection of such resources.

31 (3) The task force shall consult with interested conservation,  
32 business, and professional organizations.

33 (4) The task force shall hold public meetings at such locations as  
34 may be appropriate for the purpose of providing interested persons with  
35 the opportunity to testify with respect to the matters before the task  
36 force.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 5.**   By November 30, 1994, the task force shall  
2 submit a report and recommendations to the governor and the  
3 legislature.

4        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.**   This act shall expire July 1, 1995.

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