

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Bil Analysis

Bil No. HB 1221

Regarding Lewis and Clark
bicentennial advisory committee

Brief title

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BACKGROUND:

The year 2005-06 represents the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition which reached Washington State. The state is currently promoting the expedition through the Lewis and Clark Committee which was created by the Legislature in 1996 to commemorate Lewis and Clark's exploration of the northwest United States.

The committee administers and staffs the State Parks and Recreation Commission and is promoting, among other events, the bicentennial of the expedition. The Washington State Historical Society is designated to work with the committee in coordinating planning for the parks and recreation commission. The commission has current funding for FY98 to promote and plan for the bicentennial. Information and staff planning and coordination are already ongoing.

SUMMARY:

Repeal the statute authorizing the Lewis and Clark Committee and create a new chapter that formalizes the role of the commission in planning and promoting the bicentennial. It includes staff support, budget and accounting responsibilities, and spending authority, the role as leader or coordinator with other partners.

Authorize the creation of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Advisory Committee under the auspices of the Washington State Historical Society created by the bicentennial account in the state treasury. All expenditures must be approved by the director of the historical society. The director designated must be of finance. The activities of the committee. Money may only be spent after appropriation, subject to the state budget reporting and accounting (BARS) system.

The committee will have five members made up of:

- Six citizens, three of which must be an enrolled member of a Washington Indian Tribe to be appointed by the governor;
- The president of the Washington State Historical Society;
- The director of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission;
- The secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation;
- The director of the Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development;
- Four members of the Washington Legislature, one from each caucus, each chamber designated by each caucus; and
- the chair of the Lewis and Clark Trail Advisory Committee.

Authorizes the committee to coordinate and lead the observance of the bicentennial. Also allows the committee the option to perform certain duties including:

- Engage in fund-raising activities including generating enterprises, solicit gifts, grants or donations;
- Promote public education on the importance of the expedition;
- Coordinate interagency participation;
- assist in or conduct bicentennial events; and
- Cooperate with national, regional, state, and local promotional events.

Designates the Washington State Historical Society as administrative support, including for office space for the committee. Directs the society:

- Direct and supervise budget and accounting functions;
- Include the committee's budget request in the biennial budget;
- Collect non-appropriated funds for the committee; and
- Print and post all notices, sales orders of the committee.

The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Advisory Committee is set to June of 2007.

FISCANOTE: Available.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after journal passage in which bill passed.