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By House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Romero, Skinner, Lantz, Hankins, Ogden, Radcliff, Mitchell and Lambert)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the capitol furnishings preservation committee;
2 adding a new section to chapter 27.48 RCW; adding a new section to
3 chapter 43.19 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that those historic
6 furnishings that illustrate the history of the state of Washington
7 should be maintained and preserved for the use and benefit of the
8 people of the state. It is the purpose of this act to establish the
9 capitol furnishings preservation committee to increase the awareness of
10 the public and state employees about the significance of the
11 furnishings within the state capitol campus buildings as envisioned by
12 the original architects Wilder and White.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 27.48 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
16 in this section apply throughout this section.

1 (a) "State capitol group" includes the legislative building, the
2 insurance building, the Cherberg building, the John L. O'Brien
3 building, the Newhouse building, and the temple of justice building.

4 (b) "Historic furnishings" means furniture, fixtures, and artwork
5 fifty years of age or older.

6 (2) The capitol furnishings preservation committee is established
7 to promote and encourage the recovery and preservation of the original
8 and historic furnishings of the state capitol group, prevent future
9 loss of historic furnishings, and review and advise future remodeling
10 and restoration projects as they pertain to historic furnishings.

11 (3) The capitol furnishings preservation committee account is
12 created in the state treasury. Expenditures from the account may only
13 be expended to finance the activities of the capitol furnishings
14 preservation committee, and all expenditures must be authorized by the
15 director of the Washington state historical society or the director's
16 designee. The historical society shall collect all nonappropriated
17 revenues for the committee and deposit them in the proper fund or
18 account. The committee may:

19 (a) Expend funds for limited purposes of purchasing and preserving
20 historic furnishings of the state capitol group;

21 (b) Accept monetary donations, grants, and donations of historic
22 furnishings from, but not limited to, (i) current and former
23 legislators, state officials, and lobbyists; (ii) the families of
24 former legislators, state officials, and lobbyists; and (iii) the
25 general public; and

26 (c) Engage in or encourage fund raising activities including the
27 solicitation of charitable gifts, grants, or donations specifically for
28 the limited purpose of the recovery of the original and historic
29 furnishings. Committee members engaging in the solicitation of
30 charitable gifts, grants, or donations for the limited purposes of this
31 committee are expressly exempt from chapter 42.17 RCW.

32 (4) The membership of the committee shall include: Two members of
33 the house of representatives, one from each major caucus, appointed by
34 the speaker of the house of representatives; two members of the senate,
35 one from each major caucus, appointed by the president of the senate;
36 the chief clerk of the house of representatives; the secretary of the
37 senate; the governor or the governor's designee; the lieutenant
38 governor or the lieutenant governor's designee; a representative from
39 the office of the secretary of state, the office of the state

1 treasurer, the office of the state auditor, and the office of the
2 insurance commissioner; a representative from the supreme court; a
3 representative from the Washington state historical society, the
4 department of general administration, and the Thurston county planning
5 council, each appointed by the governor; and three private citizens,
6 appointed by the governor.

7 (5) Any original or historic furnishings from the state capitol
8 group is not surplus property under chapter 43.19 RCW or other
9 authority unless authorized by the committee.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 Original or historic furnishings from the state capitol group under
13 section 2 of this act do not constitute surplus property under this
14 chapter.

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