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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1079**

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**By** House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Romero, Hankins, Haigh, Miloscia, Dickerson, McDermott, Kenney and Edwards)

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1 AN ACT Relating to naming state buildings; and adding a new section  
2 to chapter 43.34 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.34 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature shall approve names for new or existing  
7 buildings on the state capitol grounds based upon recommendations from  
8 the state capitol committee and the director of the department of  
9 general administration, with the advice of the capitol campus design  
10 advisory committee, subject to the following limitations:

11 (a) An existing building may be renamed only after a substantial  
12 renovation or a change in the predominant tenant agency headquartered  
13 in the building.

14 (b) A new or existing building may be named or renamed after:

15 (i) An individual who has played a significant role in Washington  
16 history;

17 (ii) The purpose of the building;

18 (iii) The single or predominant tenant agency headquartered in the  
19 building;

1 (iv) A significant place name or natural place in Washington;  
2 (v) A Native American tribe located in Washington;  
3 (vi) A group of people or type of person;  
4 (vii) Any other appropriate person consistent with this section as  
5 recommended by the director of the department of general  
6 administration.

7 (c) The names on the facades of the state capitol group shall not  
8 be removed.

9 (2) The legislature shall approve names for new or existing public  
10 rooms or spaces on state capitol grounds based upon recommendations  
11 from the state capitol committee and the director of the department of  
12 general administration, with the advice of the capitol campus design  
13 advisory committee, subject to the following limitations:

14 (a) An existing room or space may be renamed only after a  
15 substantial renovation;

16 (b) A new or existing room or space may be named or renamed only  
17 after:

18 (i) An individual who has played a significant role in Washington  
19 history;

20 (ii) The purpose of the room or space;

21 (iii) A significant place name or natural place in Washington;

22 (iv) A Native American tribe located in Washington;

23 (v) A group of people or type of person;

24 (vi) Any other appropriate person consistent with this section as  
25 recommended by the director of the department of general  
26 administration.

27 (3) When naming or renaming buildings, rooms, and spaces under this  
28 section, consideration must be given to: (a) Any disparity that exists  
29 with respect to the gender of persons after whom buildings, rooms, and  
30 spaces are named on the state capitol grounds; (b) the diversity of  
31 human achievement; and (c) the diversity of the state's citizenry and  
32 history. When naming or renaming a building, room, or space after a  
33 person or a group significant in Washington history, it shall be after  
34 the tenth anniversary of the person's death or death of the last  
35 surviving member of the group.

36 (4) For purposes of this section, "state capitol grounds" means  
37 buildings and land owned by the state and otherwise designated as state  
38 capitol grounds, including the west capitol campus, the east capitol  
39 campus, the north capitol campus, the Tumwater campus, the Lacey

- 1 campus, Sylvester Park, Centennial Park, the Old Capitol Building, and
- 2 Capitol Lake.

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