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By House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Kessler, Kenney, Holmquist, Hudgins and Santos)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the state poet laureate; reenacting and amending
2 RCW 43.79A.040; adding new sections to chapter 43.46 RCW; and creating
3 a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature wishes to recognize: The
6 value of poetry and the contribution Washington poets make to the
7 culture of our state; that poetry is a literary form respected and
8 growing throughout all segments of Washington's population; that
9 awareness and appreciation of poetry encourages increased literacy and
10 advanced communication skills; and that Washington state has produced
11 many excellent and nationally recognized poets.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.46 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) The Washington state arts commission shall establish and
15 administer the poet laureate program. The poet laureate shall engage
16 in activities to promote and encourage poetry within the state,
17 including but not limited to a minimum of twenty readings, workshops,

1 lectures, and/or presentations for Washington educational institutions
2 and communities in geographically diverse areas over a two-year term.

3 (2) Selection of a poet laureate shall be made by a committee
4 appointed and coordinated by the commission. The committee may include
5 representatives of the Washington state library, the education
6 community, the Washington commission for the humanities, publishing,
7 and the community of Washington poets.

8 (3) The commission and the committee shall establish criteria to be
9 used for the selection of a poet laureate. In addition to other
10 criteria established, the poet laureate must be a published poet, a
11 resident of Washington state, active in the poetry community, and
12 willing and able to promote poetry in the state of Washington
13 throughout the two-year term.

14 (4) The poet laureate shall receive compensation at a professional
15 level for professional services and travel expenses. The commission
16 shall determine the compensation. Travel expenses shall be provided in
17 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

18 (5) The poet laureate may not serve more than two consecutive two-
19 year terms.

20 (6) The commission may fund the poet laureate program through
21 gifts, grants, or endowments from public or private sources that are
22 made from time to time, in trust or otherwise.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.46 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 The poet laureate account is created in the custody of the state
26 treasurer. All receipts collected for the poet laureate program must
27 be deposited into the account and expenditures from the account may be
28 used only for the purposes of this act. Only the executive director of
29 the commission or the executive director's designee may authorize
30 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment
31 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not
32 required for expenditures.

33 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2002 c 322 s 5, 2002 c 204 s 7, and
34 2002 c 61 s 6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

35 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited, invested,

1 and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.84.080
2 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the money were in the
3 state treasury.

4 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust
5 fund shall be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be
6 known as the investment income account.

7 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment
8 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds
9 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and
10 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state
11 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to
12 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to
13 financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of
14 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

15 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings
16 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund
17 except under (b) and (c) of this subsection.

18 (b) The following accounts and funds shall receive their
19 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's
20 average daily balance for the period: The Washington promise
21 scholarship account, the college savings program account, the
22 Washington advanced college tuition payment program account, the
23 agricultural local fund, the American Indian scholarship endowment
24 fund, the basic health plan self-insurance reserve account, the
25 Washington state combined fund drive account, the Washington
26 international exchange scholarship endowment fund, the developmental
27 disabilities endowment trust fund, the energy account, the fair fund,
28 the fruit and vegetable inspection account, the game farm alternative
29 account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the juvenile
30 accountability incentive account, the poet laureate account, the rural
31 rehabilitation account, the stadium and exhibition center account, the
32 youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance revolving fund, the
33 sulfur dioxide abatement account, and the children's trust fund.
34 However, the earnings to be distributed shall first be reduced by the
35 allocation to the state treasurer's service fund pursuant to RCW
36 43.08.190.

37 (c) The following accounts and funds shall receive eighty percent
38 of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or

1 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced right of way
2 revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving
3 account, the city and county advance right-of-way revolving fund, the
4 federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high occupancy vehicle
5 account, the local rail service assistance account, and the
6 miscellaneous transportation programs account.

7 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
8 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
9 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

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