

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5940

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Ways & Means, March 7, 2005

Title: An act relating to conservation of the state art collection.

Brief Description: Funding the conservation of the state art collection.

Sponsors: Senators Thibaudeau, Fraser and Kohl-Welles.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 3/4/05, 3/7/05 [DP, w/oRec].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Doumit, Vice Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair; Brandland, Fairley, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Pflug, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler and Thibaudeau.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senators Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; and Hewitt.

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Background: Under the Building for the Arts program, when a public building is constructed by the state, 0.5 percent of the project costs are set aside for a public art project, to be placed in that building or the local community. The art becomes part of the Washington State Art Collection. The Washington State Arts Commission administers the program and may use part of the 0.5 percent for administrative costs. The Commission may not use funds for conservation or maintenance of the Collection. The capital budget bill places a limit on the funds that can be spent on administrative costs.

Summary of Bill: The Washington State Arts Commission is allowed to use part of the Building for the Arts funds for conservation of the Washington State Art Collection.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This bill will allow the Washington State Arts Commission to take a different approach to stewardship needs of the Washington State Art Collection. The Commission will be able to repair pieces damaged from age, vandalism, and weather damage.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: PRO: Mark Gerth, Washington State Arts Commission.