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1 AN ACT Relating to naming buildings on the state capitol grounds;
2 and amending RCW 43.34.090, 27.48.040, and 79.24.710.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.34.090 and 2002 c 164 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

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

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

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

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

18 (ii) The purpose of the building;

1 (iii) The single or predominant tenant agency headquartered in the
2 building;

3 (iv) A significant place name or natural place in Washington;

4 (v) A Native American tribe located in Washington;

5 (vi) A group of people or type of person;

6 (vii) Any other appropriate person consistent with this section as
7 recommended by the director of the department of general
8 administration.

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

11 (d) The John A. Cherberg building is hereby renamed the John A.
12 Cherberg-Sid Snyder building and the Irving R. Newhouse building is
13 hereby renamed the Irving R. Newhouse-Jeannette Hayner building.

14 (2) The legislature shall approve names for new or existing public
15 rooms or spaces on the west capitol campus based upon recommendations
16 from the state capitol committee and the director of the department of
17 general administration, with the advice of the capitol campus design
18 advisory committee, subject to the following limitations:

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

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

23 (i) An individual who has played a significant role in Washington
24 history;

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

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

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

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

29 (vi) Any other appropriate person consistent with this section as
30 recommended by the director of the department of general
31 administration.

32 (3) When naming or renaming buildings, rooms, and spaces under this
33 section, consideration must be given to: (a) Any disparity that exists
34 with respect to the gender of persons after whom buildings, rooms, and
35 spaces are named on the state capitol grounds; (b) the diversity of
36 human achievement; and (c) the diversity of the state's citizenry and
37 history.

1 (4) For purposes of this section, "state capitol grounds" means
2 buildings and land owned by the state and otherwise designated as state
3 capitol grounds, including the west capitol campus, the east capitol
4 campus, the north capitol campus, the Tumwater campus, the Lacey
5 campus, Sylvester Park, Centennial Park, the Old Capitol Building, and
6 Capitol Lake.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.48.040 and 1999 c 343 s 2 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

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

11 (a) "State capitol group" includes the legislative building, the
12 insurance building, the John A. Cherberg-Sid Snyder building, the John
13 L. O'Brien building, the Irving R. Newhouse-Jeannette Hayner building,
14 and the temple of justice building.

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

17 (2) The capitol furnishings preservation committee is established
18 to promote and encourage the recovery and preservation of the original
19 and historic furnishings of the state capitol group, prevent future
20 loss of historic furnishings, and review and advise future remodeling
21 and restoration projects as they pertain to historic furnishings. The
22 committee's authority does not extend to the placement of any historic
23 furnishings within the state capitol group.

24 (3) The capitol furnishings preservation committee account is
25 created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts designated
26 for the account from appropriations and from other sources must be
27 deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may be used
28 only to finance the activities of the capitol furnishings preservation
29 committee. Only the director of the Washington state historical
30 society or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the
31 account when authorized to do so by the committee. The account is
32 subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an
33 appropriation is not required for expenditures.

34 (4) The committee may:

35 (a) Authorize the director of the Washington state historical
36 society or the director's designee to expend funds from the capitol

1 furnishings preservation committee account for limited purposes of
2 purchasing and preserving historic furnishings of the state capitol
3 group;

4 (b) Accept monetary donations, grants, and donations of historic
5 furnishings from, but not limited to, (i) current and former
6 legislators, state officials, and lobbyists; (ii) the families of
7 former legislators, state officials, and lobbyists; and (iii) the
8 general public. Moneys received under this section must be deposited
9 in the capitol furnishings preservation committee account; and

10 (c) Engage in or encourage fund-raising activities including the
11 solicitation of charitable gifts, grants, or donations specifically for
12 the limited purpose of the recovery of the original and historic
13 furnishings.

14 (5) The membership of the committee shall include: Two members of
15 the house of representatives, one from each major caucus, appointed by
16 the speaker of the house of representatives; two members of the senate,
17 one from each major caucus, appointed by the president of the senate;
18 the chief clerk of the house of representatives; the secretary of the
19 senate; the governor or the governor's designee; the lieutenant
20 governor or the lieutenant governor's designee; a representative from
21 the office of the secretary of state, the office of the state
22 treasurer, the office of the state auditor, and the office of the
23 insurance commissioner; a representative from the supreme court; a
24 representative from the Washington state historical society, the
25 department of general administration, and the Thurston county planning
26 council, each appointed by the governor; and three private citizens,
27 appointed by the governor.

28 (6) Original or historic furnishings from the state capitol group
29 are not surplus property under chapter 43.19 RCW or other authority
30 unless designated as such by the committee.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 79.24.710 and 2005 c 330 s 2 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 For the purposes of RCW 79.24.720, 79.24.730, 43.01.090, 43.19.500,
34 and 79.24.087, "state capitol public and historic facilities" includes:

35 (1) The east, west and north capitol campus grounds, Sylvester
36 park, Heritage park, Marathon park, Centennial park, the Deschutes
37 river basin commonly known as Capitol lake, the interpretive center,

1 Deschutes parkway, and the landscape, memorials, artwork, fountains,
2 streets, sidewalks, lighting, and infrastructure in each of these areas
3 not including state-owned aquatic lands in these areas managed by the
4 department of natural resources under RCW (~~(79.90.450)~~) 79.105.010;

5 (2) The public spaces and the historic interior and exterior
6 elements of the following buildings: The visitor center, the
7 Governor's mansion, the legislative building, the John L. O'Brien
8 building, the John A. Cherberg-Sid Snyder building, the Irving R.
9 Newhouse-Jeannette Hayner building, the Pritchard building, the temple
10 of justice, the insurance building, the Dolliver building, capitol
11 court, and the old capitol buildings, including the historic state-
12 owned furnishings and works of art commissioned for or original to
13 these buildings; and

14 (3) Other facilities or elements of facilities as determined by the
15 state capitol committee, in consultation with the department of general
16 administration.

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