

HB 1049 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Government Operations & Elections

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The three hundred sixty-six acre Vancouver
4 national historic reserve was created by Congress through Public Law
5 104-333: The "Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996"
6 in recognition of the significant cultural, historic, and natural
7 resources of the area. The historic reserve includes Fort Vancouver
8 national historic site, Pearson airfield, Pearson air museum, officers
9 row, Vancouver barracks, and a section of the Columbia river
10 waterfront. The four legislatively designated partners in the reserve
11 are the national park service, the United States army, the state of
12 Washington, and the city of Vancouver.

13 The Vancouver national historic reserve trust, a 501(c)(3), was
14 created in 1998 as the official nonprofit for the reserve. P.L. 104-
15 333 required that the reserve be administered under a general
16 management plan to be developed no later than three years after the
17 enactment of the law. The management plan was adopted in February 2000
18 with the state of Washington as one of the signatories.

19 The legislature finds that the state of Washington, as one of four
20 federally designated partners in the Vancouver national historic
21 reserve, should be actively engaged in the protection, preservation,
22 interpretation, and rehabilitation of the historic reserve for the use
23 and benefit of the people of the state. Southwest Washington is a
24 traditionally underserved area of the state with regard to cultural and
25 recreational opportunities. The Vancouver national historic reserve is
26 a unique historic site that offers a variety of historic, cultural,
27 natural, and recreational opportunities and currently serves almost one
28 million visitors per year. From the Hudson's Bay company fort, the
29 story of the early settlers and fur traders to Vancouver barracks, over
30 one hundred fifty years of military history, to the story of pioneering

1 aviation and the golden age of flight at Pearson field, the historic
2 reserve is unique because of the layers of history visitors can
3 experience in one location. In addition, the historic reserve offers
4 acres of green space and waterfront in the midst of the large
5 Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area.

6 The legislature has declared through RCW 27.34.220 that it is the
7 public policy and in the public interest of the state to designate,
8 preserve, protect, enhance, and perpetuate those structures, sites,
9 districts, buildings, and objects that reflect outstanding elements of
10 the state's historic, archaeological, architectural, or cultural
11 heritage, for the inspiration and enrichment of the people of the
12 state. The Vancouver national historic reserve is on both the state
13 and federal registers as a historic district and encompasses some of
14 the richest historic, archaeological, architectural, and cultural
15 resources in the state.

16 It is the purpose of this act to:

17 (1) Confirm the role of the state of Washington in the development
18 and management of the Vancouver national historic reserve;

19 (2) Identify the role of state agencies in the Vancouver national
20 historic reserve; and

21 (3) Establish an account in the state treasury through the
22 Washington state historical society for funds designated specifically
23 for the Vancouver national historic reserve.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature affirms that the state of
25 Washington is partner in the Vancouver national historic reserve as
26 mandated under Public Law 104-333: The Omnibus Parks and Public Lands
27 Management Act of 1996. As such, the state will take an active role in
28 supporting the protection, preservation, interpretation, and
29 rehabilitation of the Vancouver national historic reserve.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislature affirms that the Washington
31 state historic society is the state's designated partner representative
32 for the Vancouver national historic reserve. Accordingly, the
33 Washington state historic society shall:

34 (1) Participate in the regularly scheduled coordination meetings of
35 the Vancouver national historic reserve partners;

1 (2) Participate in the development of management, education, and
2 interpretive plans and policies associated with the Vancouver national
3 historic reserve;

4 (3) Partner with Washington State University and other agencies for
5 purposes of managing the center for Columbia river history,
6 headquartered on the Vancouver national historic reserve, and with the
7 department for preservation and rehabilitation of the site; and

8 (4) Develop and submit to the office of financial management and
9 the legislature operating and capital budget requests concurrent with
10 the biennial cycle and oversee the management of all funds appropriated
11 by the state for the Vancouver national historic reserve.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act are each added
13 to chapter 27.34 RCW."

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14 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "reserve;" strike the
15 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter 27.34
16 RCW; and creating a new section."

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