

SB 5163-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that Washington state's legislative building is the most vital and preeminent public building in this state and serves as both a working governmental center and a symbol of Washington's free and democratic government. It is the centerpiece of the five historic capitol buildings and grounds designed by New York architects Walter Wilder and Harry White. This building and its contents reflect the dreams and achievements of many individuals and organizations across the history of Washington.

Declares an intent to recognize the capitol campus and grounds as a uniquely valuable cultural and historical resource that should be preserved and promoted as an outstanding example of Washington state heritage. To that end, the legislature intends to establish a task force to make recommendations to improve tourist access to the capitol campus grounds and buildings and provide an enhanced learning and recreational experience for the visitors of the capitol.

Requires the task force to submit the proposals to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature by November 1, 2007.