
Capital Budget Committee

HB 1376

Brief Description: Removing the requirement to purchase art for public buildings during the 2009-2011 biennium.

Sponsors: Representatives Hope, O'Brien, Warnick, Pearson, Haler, McCune, Bailey, Johnson, Hinkle, Kristiansen and Newhouse.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Removes the requirement, during the 2009-11 biennium, that .5 percent of the total capital project cost of public buildings be used for artwork.

Hearing Date: 2/9/09

Staff: Steve Masse (786-7115)

Background:

The Legislature established the Art in Public Places Program, administered by the Washington State Arts Commission, in 1974. State construction projects that are state funded are required to include art projects at a cost of 0.5 percent of the total project cost within the construction project. State entities required to include art in construction projects include agencies, boards, councils, commissions, and quasi-public corporations, and public schools. For universities, and colleges this includes major renovations exceeding \$200,000.

Works of art acquired through the program become part of the state art collection and are generally displayed within the newly constructed public building or in the community near the building.

Summary of Bill:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

The Art in Public Places program is suspended during the 2009-11 biennium.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.