
**State Government, Elections &
Information Technology Committee**

HB 1853

Brief Description: Removing references to specific nonoperational historical facilities from state statute.

Sponsors: Representatives Doglio, Hudgins, Wilcox and Haler; by request of Washington State Historical Society.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Renames the State Capitol Historical Museum to the Historic Lord Mansion.
- Removes Washington State Historical Society requirements regarding the Water for Columbia River History.

Hearing Date: 2/14/17

Staff: Megan Palchak (786-7105).

Background:

Washington State has multiple historical societies, whose duties include operating state museums and encouraging cultural, historical studies, and interpretive efforts. The State Capitol Historical Museum was designated as part of the state capitol grounds in 1939. The same grounds had been referred to as Block 2 Grainger's Addition to the City of Olympia.

In 1990, the Washington State Historical Society joined a consortium with the Center for Columbia River History, Portland State University, and Washington State University, which conducts interdisciplinary research projects and sponsors free public programs.

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 building and grounds designated as Block 2, Grainger's Addition to the City of Olympia, as part of the state capitol are renamed the Historic Lord Mansion.

The Washington State Historical Society no longer must partner with the Washington State University and other agencies to manage the Center for Columbia River History, headquartered on the Vancouver National History Reserve, or with the Department for Preservation and Rehabilitation.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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