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By Representatives Kretz, Chapman, Dent, Barnard, Ormsby, and Timmons

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a memorial on the capitol campus
2 to commemorate eastern Washington; and adding new sections to chapter
3 43.34 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.34
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Any memorial established on the capitol campus to commemorate
8 the geological and cultural diversity of eastern Washington must
9 recognize the flora and fauna, rich agriculture and forestry, and
10 history of eastern Washington. Any such memorial must include floral
11 components including, but not limited to, ponderosa pine trees,
12 quaking aspen trees, and western larch trees. The design of such a
13 memorial must serve to celebrate the unique beauty of eastern
14 Washington, its unparalleled agricultural significance to the state
15 and world, and the deep history of these lands. The memorial will
16 also serve as a place of enjoyment and familiarity for those who call
17 eastern Washington home.

18 (2) The capitol committee, or any subcommittee within, must
19 consult with the department of natural resources in its planning,
20 planting, and placement of any floral components to be used as part
21 of the eastern Washington memorial.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.34
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) The Washington state eastern Washington memorial account is
4 created in the custody of the state treasurer. The purpose of the
5 account is to support the establishment and maintenance of the
6 memorial. The secretary of state may solicit and accept moneys from
7 gifts, grants, or endowments for this purpose. All receipts from
8 federal funds, gifts, or grants from the private sector, foundations,
9 or other sources must be deposited into the account. Expenditures
10 from the account may be used only for the design, siting, permitting,
11 construction, maintenance, dedication, or creation of educational
12 materials related to placement of this memorial on the capitol
13 campus. Only the secretary of state, or the secretary of state's
14 designee, may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is
15 subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but
16 appropriation is not required for expenditures.

17 (2) The secretary of state may adopt rules governing the receipt
18 and use of funds in the account.

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