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By House State Government & Tribal Relations (originally sponsored by Representatives Bronoske, Griffey, Leavitt, Fitzgibbon, Chapman, Reed, Ormsby, Ramel, Callan, Rule, Timmons, Bergquist, Goodman, Rude, Fosse, Nance, Ryu, Schmidt, Stearns, Waters, Paul, Reeves, and Kloba; by request of Department of Natural Resources)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a fallen firefighter memorial;
2 adding new sections to chapter 43.34 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to establish a
5 fallen firefighter memorial on the capitol campus grounds to
6 recognize the sacrifice of firefighters who have died in the line of
7 duty giving unselfish service to their communities and the state.

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

10 (1) A memorial is established on the capitol campus to honor
11 firefighters who have died in the line of duty. The design and
12 construction of such a memorial must follow the major works
13 requirements administered by the department of enterprise services.

14 (2) The state capitol committee, or any subcommittee thereof,
15 must work with the department of natural resources and statewide
16 organizations representing firefighters in its role reviewing the
17 building of the fallen firefighter memorial.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.34
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) (a) The fallen firefighter memorial account is created in the
2 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts directed to the account
3 from federal funds, gifts, or grants from private or public sectors,
4 foundations, or other sources must be deposited into the account.
5 Expenditures from the account may be used only for the design,
6 siting, permitting, construction, maintenance, dedication,
7 continuation, or creation of educational materials related to the
8 placement of this memorial on the capitol campus. Only the department
9 of natural resources, with the recommendation from the Washington
10 state firefighter memorial foundation, may authorize expenditures
11 from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures
12 under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for
13 expenditures.

14 (b) The purpose of the account is to support the establishment
15 and maintenance of the fallen firefighter memorial. The commissioner
16 of public lands and department of natural resources may solicit and
17 accept moneys from gifts, grants, or endowments for this purpose.

18 (2) The department of natural resources is authorized to partner
19 with the department of enterprise services, under RCW 43.19.125, for
20 the design, establishment, and maintenance of this new memorial
21 consistent with the major works requirements for projects on capitol
22 campus. The partnership must work with nonprofit groups or
23 foundations, or another state agency, if needed, to ensure the
24 memorial is utilized by the public and the firefighter community to
25 recognize, remember, and honor the sacrifice of firefighters who have
26 died in the line of duty.

27 (a) The department of enterprise services must provide and fund
28 routine maintenance of the fallen firefighter memorial once the
29 memorial is completed. Routine maintenance includes basic cleaning of
30 the memorial, ensuring the lights are functional, detailing the
31 landscape surrounding the memorial, picking up trash around the
32 memorial, and removing graffiti that does not require specialized
33 techniques.

34 (b) The department of natural resources, and any foundation or
35 nonprofit it contracts with, must provide any nonroutine maintenance
36 of the memorial, including engraving of new names on the memorial,
37 and must follow any guidance and process for any nonroutine
38 maintenance as established by the department of enterprise services.

1 (3) The department of natural resources may adopt rules governing
2 the receipt and use of funds in the account.

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