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1 AN ACT Relating to recognizing the Walla Walla valley historical
2 society as a trustee of the state; and amending RCW 27.34.020 and
3 27.34.010.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.34.020 and 2007 c 333 s 5 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
8 this section apply throughout this chapter:

9 (1) "Advisory council" means the advisory council on historic
10 preservation.

11 (2) "Department" means the department of archaeology and historic
12 preservation.

13 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of
14 archaeology and historic preservation.

15 (4) "Federal act" means the national historic preservation act of
16 1966 (Public Law 89-655; 80 Stat. 915).

17 (5) "Heritage barn" means any large agricultural outbuilding used
18 to house animals, crops, or farm equipment, that is over fifty years
19 old and has been determined by the department to: (a) Be eligible for
20 listing on the Washington heritage register or the national register
21 of historic places; or (b) have been listed on a local historic

1 register and approved by the advisory council. In addition to barns,
2 "heritage barn" includes agricultural resources such as milk houses,
3 sheds, silos, or other outbuildings, that are historically associated
4 with the working life of the farm or ranch, if these outbuildings are
5 on the same property as a heritage barn.

6 (6) "Heritage council" means the Washington state heritage
7 council.

8 (7) "Historic preservation" includes the protection,
9 rehabilitation, restoration, identification, scientific excavation,
10 and reconstruction of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and
11 objects significant in American and Washington state history,
12 architecture, archaeology, or culture.

13 (8) "Preservation officer" means the state historic preservation
14 officer as provided for in RCW 43.334.020.

15 (9) "Project" means programs leading to the preservation for
16 public benefit of historical properties, whether by state and local
17 governments or other public bodies, or private organizations or
18 individuals, including the acquisition of title or interests in, and
19 the development of, any district, site, building, structure, or
20 object that is significant in American and Washington state history,
21 architecture, archaeology, or culture, and property used in
22 connection therewith, or for its development.

23 (10) "State historical agencies" means the state historical
24 societies and the department.

25 (11) "State historical societies" means the Washington state
26 historical society (~~and~~), the eastern Washington state historical
27 society, and the Walla Walla valley historical society.

28 (12) "Cultural resource management plan" means a comprehensive
29 plan which identifies and organizes information on the state of
30 Washington's historic, archaeological, and architectural resources
31 into a set of management criteria, and which is to be used for
32 producing reliable decisions, recommendations, and advice relative to
33 the identification, evaluation, and protection of these resources.

34 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.34.010 and 1993 c 101 s 9 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 The legislature finds that those articles and properties which
37 illustrate the history of the state of Washington should be
38 maintained and preserved for the use and benefit of the people of the
39 state. It is the purpose of this chapter to designate the (~~two~~)

1 three state historical societies as trustees of the state for these
2 purposes, and to establish:

3 (1) A comprehensive and consistent statewide policy pertaining to
4 archaeology, history, historic preservation, and other historical
5 matters;

6 (2) Statewide coordination of historical programs; and

7 (3) A coordinated budget for all state historical agencies.

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