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1 AN ACT Relating to the state capitol campus; amending RCW
2 43.34.010, 43.34.040, 43.34.080, and 43.34.090; adding new sections
3 to chapter 43.34 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW
4 43.34.015.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state
7 capitol campus as defined in RCW 43.34.040 is a beautiful, one-of-a-
8 kind site whose buildings, grounds, and memorials honor the values of
9 democracy and self-determination and the sacrifices of those who have
10 come before. As such, the people of the state wish the state capitol
11 campus, its design, buildings, grounds, memorials, and markers to be
12 carefully stewarded so as to preserve and amplify its beauty and
13 continue to inspire generations to come.

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

16 In accordance with RCW 79.24.720, the state capitol committee
17 will review proposed capital projects for the capitol campus and make
18 a recommendation to the legislature regarding importance, impact, and
19 prioritization of proposed projects for the state capital budget.
20 Major capital projects on the capitol campus must be reviewed and

1 approved by the state capitol committee. By March 31st of each year,
2 the department of enterprise services shall present information on
3 proposed capital projects for the capitol campus to the state capitol
4 committee. By June 30th of each year the state capitol committee
5 shall make a recommendation to the department of enterprise services
6 on proposed capital projects for the capitol campus.

7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.34.010 and 1997 c 279 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The membership of the state capitol committee consists of:

10 (a) The governor or the governor's designee (~~(, the)~~);

11 (b) The lieutenant governor (~~(, the)~~) or the lieutenant governor's
12 designee;

13 (c) The secretary of state (~~(, and the)~~) or the secretary's
14 designee;

15 (d) The commissioner of public lands (~~(, ex officio, shall~~
16 constitute the state capitol committee)) or the commissioner's
17 designee;

18 (e) The superintendent of public instruction or the
19 superintendent's designee;

20 (f) The state treasurer or the treasurer's designee;

21 (g) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee;

22 (h) The chief justice of the supreme court or the chief justice's
23 designee;

24 (i) One member of the house of representatives state government
25 and tribal relations committee or successor committee, from each of
26 the two largest caucuses of the house, appointed by the speaker of
27 the house;

28 (j) One member of the house of representatives capital budget
29 committee or successor committee, from each of the two largest
30 caucuses of the house, who must serve as the chair, vice chair,
31 ranking member, or assistant ranking member of the committee,
32 appointed by the speaker of the house;

33 (k) One member of the senate state government, tribal affairs and
34 elections committee or successor committee, from each of the two
35 largest caucuses of the senate, appointed by the president of the
36 senate; and

37 (l) One member of the senate ways and means committee or
38 successor committee, from each of the two largest caucuses of the
39 senate, who must serve as the chair, capital budget vice chair,

1 capital budget ranking member, or capital budget assistant ranking
2 member, appointed by the president of the senate.

3 (2) The state capitol committee shall elect a chair and vice
4 chair by a majority vote. The chair and vice chair must be from
5 different branches of government. For purposes of this subsection,
6 the lieutenant governor is a member of the executive branch. Both the
7 chair and vice chair shall serve one-year terms.

8 (3) A majority of all committee members constitutes a quorum.

9 (4) The department of enterprise services shall provide staff
10 support to the state capitol committee and maintain its records.

11 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.34.040 and 1965 c 8 s 43.34.040 are each amended
12 to read as follows:

13 ~~((The state capitol committee may erect one or more permanent~~
14 ~~buildings; one or more temporary buildings; excavate or partially~~
15 ~~excavate for any such building or buildings; partially erect any such~~
16 ~~building or buildings; make other temporary or permanent improvements~~
17 ~~wholly or in part; upon the capitol grounds belonging to the state~~
18 ~~and known as the "Sylvester site" or "Capitol place" in Olympia,~~
19 ~~Washington.))~~ (1) The state capitol committee has responsibility for
20 building construction, building naming recommendations, approval of
21 campus master plans, and special designations regarding the capitol
22 campus; and approval of memorials, artwork, and statues in all public
23 spaces of the capitol campus. The committee must review and approve
24 all capitol projects on the capitol campus and substantial changes to
25 the campus.

26 (2) The committee shall provide policy and risk mitigation
27 guidance on security matters for the capitol campus.

28 (3) The committee shall provide recommendations for rule making
29 for the capitol campus.

30 (4) The department of enterprise services shall present to the
31 committee for approval an updated campus stewardship programmatic
32 report by December 1st of each even-numbered year, which must
33 include, but is not limited to: Landscaping of state capitol
34 facilities and grounds; historic preservation; and maintenance of
35 capitol facilities on campus.

36 (5) For purposes of this chapter, "capitol campus" means those
37 grounds owned by the state and otherwise designated as state capitol
38 grounds, including the west capitol campus, the east capitol campus,
39 Sylvester Park, the Old Capitol Building, Capitol Lake, and ways open

1 to the public and specified adjoining lands and roadways, including
2 the north capitol campus and Centennial Park, Dolliver Building,
3 ProArts Building, 721 Columbia Building, Start Farm Building, 120
4 Union Building, and Washington Building.

5 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.34.080 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 19 s 7015 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The capitol campus design (~~(advisory committee)~~) subcommittee
8 is established as an advisory group to the state capitol committee
9 and the director of enterprise services to review programs, planning,
10 design, and landscaping of state capitol facilities and grounds and
11 to make recommendations that will contribute to the attainment of
12 architectural, aesthetic, functional, and environmental excellence in
13 design and maintenance of capitol facilities on campus and located in
14 neighboring communities.

15 (2) The (~~(advisory committee)~~) subcommittee shall consist of the
16 following persons who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure
17 of the director of enterprise services:

18 (a) Two architects;

19 (b) A landscape architect; (~~and~~)

20 (c) An urban planner;

21 (d) Three campus agency facility operations leaders, at least one
22 of whom must be a facility operations leader from either the house of
23 representatives or senate; and

24 (e) The director of the Washington state arts commission or the
25 director's designee.

26 (~~The director of enterprise services shall appoint the chair and~~
27 ~~vice chair and shall provide the staff and resources necessary for~~
28 ~~implementing this section. The advisory committee shall meet at least~~
29 ~~once every ninety days and at the call of the chair.~~

30 ~~The members of the committee shall be reimbursed as provided in~~
31 ~~RCW 43.03.220 and 44.04.120.~~

32 ~~(3) The advisory committee shall also consist of the secretary of~~
33 ~~state and two members of the house of representatives, one from each~~
34 ~~caucus, who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of~~
35 ~~representatives, and two members of the senate, one from each caucus,~~
36 ~~who shall be appointed by the president of the senate.~~

37 ~~(4))~~ (3) The (~~(advisory committee)~~) subcommittee shall review
38 plans and designs affecting state capitol facilities as they are

1 developed. The (~~advisory committee's~~) subcommittee's review shall
2 include:

3 (a) The process of solicitation and selection of appropriate
4 professional design services including design-build proposals;

5 (b) Compliance with the capitol campus master plan and design
6 concepts as adopted by the capitol committee;

7 (c) The design, siting, and grouping of state capitol facilities
8 relative to the service needs of state government and the impact upon
9 the local community's economy, environment, traffic patterns, and
10 other factors; and

11 (~~The relationship of overall state capitol facility planning
12 to the respective comprehensive plans for long-range urban
13 development of the cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater, and
14 Thurston county; and~~

15 ~~(e))~~ Landscaping plans and designs, including planting
16 proposals, street furniture, sculpture, monuments, and access to the
17 capitol campus and buildings.

18 (~~(5) For development of the property known as the 1063 block,
19 the committee may review the proposal selected by the department of
20 enterprise services but must not propose changes that will affect the
21 scope, budget, or schedule of the project.)) (4) In addition, the
22 subcommittee shall:~~

23 (a) Provide experience and context to blend operations with
24 design and construction, thinking through current constraints and
25 identifying ongoing costs;

26 (b) Provide guidance and planning for the 10-year department of
27 enterprise services capitol campus capital plan; and

28 (c) Provide recommended timing for ongoing campus facility
29 renewals, such as information technology infrastructure and carpet.

30 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.34.090 and 2015 c 225 s 74 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 (1) The legislature shall by concurrent resolution approve names
33 for new or existing buildings on the state capitol (~~grounds based
34 upon recommendations from~~) campus. The legislature may only approve
35 building names recommended by a vote of the state capitol committee
36 (and the director of the department of enterprise services, with the
37 advice of the capitol campus design advisory committee), subject to
38 the following limitations:

1 (a) An existing building may be renamed only after a substantial
2 renovation where renovation costs exceed 50 percent of the
3 replacement cost for the building, or a project that includes
4 rehabilitation of more than 50 percent of the building as determined
5 by the department of enterprise services, or a change in the
6 predominant tenant agency headquartered in the building.

7 (b) A new or existing building may be named or renamed after:

8 (i) An individual who has played a significant role in Washington
9 history;

10 (ii) The purpose of the building;

11 (iii) The single or predominant tenant agency headquartered in
12 the building;

13 (iv) A significant place name or natural place in Washington;

14 (v) A Native American tribe located in Washington; or

15 (vi) A group of people or type of person((†

16 ~~(vii) Any other appropriate person consistent with this section~~
17 ~~as recommended by the director of the department of enterprise~~
18 ~~services)).~~

19 (c) Buildings may be named after individuals only after the named
20 individual has been deceased for 10 years.

21 (d) The names on the facades of the state capitol group shall not
22 be removed.

23 (2) The legislature shall approve by concurrent resolution names
24 for new or existing public rooms or spaces on the ((west)) capitol
25 campus based solely upon recommendations from the state capitol
26 committee ((and the director of the department of enterprise
27 services, with the advice of the capitol campus design advisory
28 committee)), subject to the following limitations:

29 (a) An existing room or space may be renamed only after a
30 substantial renovation;

31 (b) A new or existing room or space may be named or renamed only
32 after:

33 (i) An individual who has played a significant role in Washington
34 history;

35 (ii) The purpose of the room or space;

36 (iii) A significant place name or natural place in Washington;

37 (iv) A Native American tribe located in Washington; or

38 (v) A group of people or type of person((†

1 ~~(vi) Any other appropriate person consistent with this section as~~
2 ~~recommended by the director of the department of enterprise~~
3 ~~services)).~~

4 (3) When naming or renaming buildings, rooms, and spaces under
5 this section, consideration must be given to: (a) Any disparity that
6 exists with respect to the gender of persons after whom buildings,
7 rooms, and spaces are named on the state capitol grounds; (b) the
8 diversity of human achievement; and (c) the diversity of the state's
9 citizenry and history.

10 (4) For purposes of this section, "~~((state)) capitol ((grounds))~~
11 campus" means ~~((buildings and land))~~ those grounds owned by the state
12 and otherwise designated as state capitol grounds, including the west
13 capitol campus, the east capitol campus, ~~((the north capitol campus,~~
14 ~~the Tumwater campus, the Lacey campus,))~~ Sylvester Park, ~~((Centennial~~
15 ~~Park,))~~ the Old Capitol Building, ~~((and))~~ Capitol Lake, and ways open
16 to the public and specified adjoining lands and roadways, including
17 the north capitol campus and Centennial Park, Dolliver Building,
18 ProArts Building, 721 Columbia Building, State Farm Building, 120
19 Union Building, and Washington Building.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 43.34
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1) Any memorial established on the capitol campus must be
23 reviewed and approved by the state capitol committee. The committee
24 will make recommendations to the legislature for funding. Both major
25 and minor memorial works projects are subject to state capitol
26 committee review and approval.

27 (2) The state capitol committee will review and approve artwork
28 in public spaces on the capitol campus. The state capitol committee
29 shall receive recommendations from the capitol campus design
30 subcommittee concerning artwork. Subject to the approval of the state
31 capitol committee, the subcommittee may adopt a process for
32 installation and removal of artwork in public spaces including
33 buildings of the capitol campus. Both the subcommittee and the state
34 capitol committee may work with the Washington state arts commission
35 to facilitate artwork on the capitol campus.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.34.015 (Secretary of committee—
2 Committee records) and 1997 c 279 s 2 & 1965 c 8 s 43.34.015 are each
3 repealed.

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