
HOUSE BILL 1896

State of Washington

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By Representative Hunt

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a legislative gift center; and adding
2 a new chapter to Title 44 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington is
5 committed to economic development and supporting the tourism industry,
6 and that economic development is achieved by promoting the state and
7 the goods produced around the state. The legislature further finds
8 that tourism is encouraged providing a memorable experience and an
9 opportunity for visitors to take something back home with them to
10 remind them of this experience. There are many visitors every day to
11 the legislative building, including tourists, school children, and
12 people from around the state visiting the state capitol. These
13 visitors offer an opportunity for the state to showcase its products
14 and history. Therefore, the legislature finds that a gift center in
15 the legislative building would be an appropriate response to this
16 opportunity, and further, that such a gift center could provide a
17 source of revenue to help fund the oral history program and to pay for
18 the restoration and repurchase of historical capitol furnishings.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The legislative gift center committee is
2 created, consisting of the secretary of the senate, the chief clerk of
3 the house of representatives, the director of the office of legislative
4 facilities, and one member from each of the two major caucuses in the
5 senate and the house of representatives.

6 (2)(a) The senate members of the committee shall be appointed by
7 the senate majority leader.

8 (b) The house of representatives members shall be appointed by the
9 speaker of the house of representatives.

10 (3) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original
11 appointment.

12 (4) Members terms shall end July 1st of odd-numbered years.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislative gift center committee,
14 directly or by contract, may establish a gift center in the legislative
15 building for the retail sale of products bearing the state seal,
16 Washington state souvenirs, other Washington products, and other
17 products approved by the committee. Wholesale purchase of products for
18 sale at the legislative gift center is not subject to competitive
19 bidding.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The legislative gift center committee
21 shall:

22 (a) Approve the method by which the gift center is established;

23 (b) Select the location for the gift center in the legislative
24 building; and

25 (c) Approve products for sale at the gift center.

26 (2) The legislative gift center committee may conduct other
27 activities related to the ongoing operation and promotion of the gift
28 center.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The legislative gift center account is
30 created in the custody of the state treasurer. All moneys received by
31 the gift center from the sale of products bearing the state seal,
32 Washington state souvenirs, other Washington products, and other
33 products shall be deposited in the account. Expenditures from the
34 account may be used only for the operations and maintenance of the gift
35 center, including the purchase of inventory, and for other purposes as

1 provided in this section. Only the director of the office of
2 legislative facilities or the director's designee may authorize
3 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment
4 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not
5 required for expenditures.

6 (2) Net profits, after expenses of the gift center, shall be
7 deposited as provided in this subsection:

8 (a) Fifty percent in the oral history, state library, and archives
9 account created in RCW 43.07.380; and

10 (b) Fifty percent in the capitol furnishings preservation committee
11 account created in RCW 27.48.040.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act constitute
13 a new chapter in Title 44 RCW.

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