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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5163**

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**State of Washington                      60th Legislature                      2007 Regular Session**

**By Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation**  
**(originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)**

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1            AN ACT Relating to creating the capitol campus tourism task force;  
2            creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** Washington state's legislative building is  
5            the most vital and preeminent public building in this state and serves  
6            as both a working governmental center and a symbol of Washington's free  
7            and democratic government. It is the centerpiece of the five historic  
8            capitol buildings and grounds designed by New York architects Walter  
9            Wilder and Harry White. This building and its contents reflect the  
10           dreams and achievements of many individuals and organizations across  
11           the history of Washington. Therefore, it is the intent of the  
12           legislature to recognize the capitol campus and grounds as a uniquely  
13           valuable cultural and historical resource that should be preserved and  
14           promoted as an outstanding example of Washington state heritage. To  
15           that end, the legislature intends to establish a task force to make  
16           recommendations to improve tourist access to the capitol campus grounds  
17           and buildings and provide an enhanced learning and recreational  
18           experience for the visitors of the capitol.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) The director of the department of  
2 general administration and the state parks department shall jointly  
3 host a task force to study and develop recommendations as follows:

4        (a) Proposals concerning the best management structure for the  
5 capitol campus and all of the historical structures, office buildings,  
6 monuments, and parks that make up the campus. In determining the best  
7 management structure for the capitol campus, the task force must seek  
8 to provide the proper balance between managing for the best visitor  
9 services and maximum public enjoyment of the capitol campus against the  
10 need for maintaining the functionality of the working seat of state  
11 government and preservation of the historical structures and monuments  
12 on campus;

13        (b) Proposals to promote tourism at the Washington state capitol  
14 campus, including but not limited to: Concessionaire enhancements,  
15 audio-visual self-guided tour options, a central visitor center with  
16 souvenir/retail opportunities, transportation to and from capitol  
17 campus and parking enhancements, and clear and understandable way-  
18 finding guides;

19        (c) Proposals to enrich the educational experience including but  
20 not limited to both the present utilization and historical activities  
21 of the capitol campus as the seat of state government;

22        (d) Proposals to promote the unique architectural features,  
23 horticultural examples, and art collections of the capitol campus;

24        (e) Proposals to increase coordination and cooperation between  
25 agencies and entities involved in the management and care of the  
26 capitol campus and the local governments that are responsible for the  
27 buildings and areas near the campus; and

28        (f) Proposals to increase volunteer opportunities at the campus.

29        (2) The task force must include the following representatives:

30        (a) The governor or the governor's designee;

31        (b) The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee;

32        (c) Four legislative members to be appointed as follows: One  
33 member from each major caucus of the senate, appointed by the president  
34 of the senate; and one member from each major caucus of the house of  
35 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
36 representatives;

37        (d) A representative of the supreme court;

1 (e) The superintendent of public instruction or the  
2 superintendent's designee;

3 (f) The director of the department of community, trade, and  
4 economic development, or the director's designee;

5 (g) An elected official from the city of Olympia chosen by the  
6 legislative body of the city; and

7 (h) Two citizens of the state of Washington. One citizen must be  
8 appointed by the president of the senate and one citizen must be  
9 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The citizens  
10 should have knowledge of the capitol campus, visitor services, and the  
11 historical heritage of the capitol.

12 (3) The task force shall submit the proposals to the appropriate  
13 policy and fiscal committees of the legislature by November 1, 2007.

14 (4) This section expires July 1, 2008.

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