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By Representatives Robinson, Manweller, Zeiger, Carlyle, Hunt, Ryu, and Bergquist; by request of Washington State Historical Society

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state historical society; and  
2 amending RCW 27.34.330, 27.34.395, and 27.34.900.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.34.330 and 2006 c 371 s 232 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 The Washington state historical society shall establish a  
7 competitive process to solicit proposals for and prioritize heritage  
8 capital projects for potential funding in the state capital budget.  
9 The society shall adopt rules governing project eligibility and  
10 evaluation criteria. Application for funding of specific heritage  
11 projects may be made to the society by local governments, public  
12 development authorities, nonprofit corporations, tribal governments,  
13 and other entities, as determined by the society. The society, with  
14 the advice of (~~leaders in the heritage field~~) an advisory panel,  
15 including but not limited to leaders in the fields of heritage,  
16 architecture, and finance, representatives from the office of the  
17 secretary of state, the department of enterprise services, the eastern  
18 Washington state historical society, and the department of archaeology  
19 and historic preservation, shall establish and submit a prioritized

1 list of heritage capital projects to the governor and the legislature  
2 in the society's biennial capital budget request. The list shall  
3 include a description of each project, the amount of recommended state  
4 funding, and documentation of nonstate funds to be used for the  
5 project. The total amount of recommended state funding for projects on  
6 a biennial project list shall not exceed ten million dollars. The  
7 prioritized list shall be developed through open and public meetings  
8 and the amount of state funding shall not exceed thirty-three and one-  
9 third percent of the total cost of the project. The nonstate portion  
10 of the total project cost may include cash, the value of real property  
11 when acquired solely for the purpose of the project, and in-kind  
12 contributions. The department shall not sign contracts or otherwise  
13 financially obligate funds under this section until the legislature has  
14 approved a specific list of projects. In contracts for grants  
15 authorized under this section, the society shall include provisions  
16 requiring that capital improvements be held by the grantee for a  
17 specified period of time appropriate to the amount of the grant and  
18 that facilities be used for the express purpose of the grant. If the  
19 grantee is found to be out of compliance with provisions of the  
20 contract, the grantee shall repay to the state general fund the  
21 principal amount of the grant plus interest calculated at the rate of  
22 interest on state of Washington general obligation bonds issued most  
23 closely to the date of authorization of the grant. No more than ten  
24 percent of funds appropriated for the grant program may be retained and  
25 used by the society for administrative costs.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.34.395 and 2007 c 138 s 3 are each amended to read  
27 as follows:

28 The legislature affirms that the Washington state historical  
29 society is the state's designated partner representative for the  
30 Vancouver national historic reserve. Accordingly, the Washington state  
31 historical society shall:

32 (1) Participate in the regularly scheduled coordination meetings of  
33 the Vancouver national historic reserve partners;

34 (2) Participate in the development of management, education, and  
35 interpretive plans and policies associated with the Vancouver national  
36 historic reserve;

1 (3) Partner with (~~Washington State University and other agencies~~  
2 ~~for purposes of managing the center for Columbia river history,~~  
3 ~~headquartered on the Vancouver national historic reserve, and with~~)  
4 the department for preservation and rehabilitation of the site; and

5 (4) Develop and submit to the office of financial management and  
6 the legislature operating and capital budget requests concurrent with  
7 the biennial cycle and oversee the management of all funds appropriated  
8 by the state for the Vancouver national historic reserve.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 27.34.900 and 1993 c 101 s 13 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 The building and grounds designated as Block 2, Grainger's Addition  
12 to the City of Olympia, County of Thurston, acquired by the state under  
13 senate joint resolution No. 18, session of 1939, is hereby designated  
14 a part of the state capitol, to be known as the state capital  
15 (~~historical museum~~) heritage outreach center. This structure is to  
16 be used to (~~house and interpret the collection~~) support the mission  
17 of the Washington state historical society(~~(. This section does not~~  
18 ~~limit the society's use of other structures)~~), including but not  
19 limited to leasing of the building, the proceeds of which shall be  
20 retained by the society as a source of funding for mission-related  
21 activities.

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