
SENATE BILL 6513

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By Senators Sheldon, Oke, Owen, Loveland, Heavey, Drew, Fairley, Prentice, Thibaudeau, Sutherland, Snyder, Bauer, Wojahn, Rinehart, Goings, McAuliffe, Cantu, Roach, Rasmussen and Kohl

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1 AN ACT Relating to securing a permanent homeport for the U.S.S.
2 Missouri; adding a new section to 1995 2nd sp.s. c 16 (uncodified); and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state of
6 Washington, Kitsap county, and the city of Bremerton have a long
7 history of commitment and support for the United States Navy's presence
8 in the Bremerton community. As part of that relationship with the
9 United States Navy, the state of Washington has hosted the U.S.S.
10 Missouri at the Bremerton homeport for over thirty years.

11 The legislature also finds that the cultural and economic
12 significance of the historic battleship has been recently demonstrated
13 by the visits of two hundred sixteen thousand people between Armed
14 Forces Day and Labor Day of 1995, a three-month period. The attraction
15 of the historic battleship will be further enhanced as a permanent
16 anchor and showcase attraction for Kitsap Peninsula and the state. The
17 U.S.S. Missouri will be moored in the area of a one hundred million
18 dollar waterfront redevelopment that includes the U.S.S. Turner Joy,
19 the Vietnam-era destroyer. The site is immediately adjacent to the

1 Washington state ferry Seattle-Bremerton terminal and will access the
2 waterfront redevelopment by a covered walkway. The redevelopment is
3 near the Bremerton Naval Museum, the Keyport Undersea Museum, and the
4 Marine Science Center of Poulsbo.

5 The legislature also finds that state-wide and community support
6 has been amply demonstrated. Six million dollars required for
7 restoration and the first year operations have been secured through the
8 pledges of Kitsap county and the port of Bremerton.

9 The legislature also finds that an investment in the U.S.S.
10 Missouri will provide economic benefits to the state of Washington and
11 the Kitsap Peninsula. Tourists visiting the ship are projected to
12 spend fourteen to seventeen million dollars annually which will provide
13 new annual tax revenues of over one million dollars to state and local
14 governments.

15 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to act as a partner
16 with the city of Bremerton, Kitsap county, the port of Bremerton, and
17 the United States Navy for the purpose of securing the U.S.S. Missouri
18 at a permanent homeport in the state of Washington.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to 1995 2nd sp.s. c
20 16 (uncodified) to read as follows:

21 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY, TRADE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

22 **U.S.S. Missouri Maritime Heritage Museum (97-2-001)**

23 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
24 conditions and limitations: The appropriation in this section shall be
25 matched by at least \$3,000,000 in nonstate sources.

26 **Appropriation:**

27	St Bldg Constr Acct	\$	3,000,000
28	Prior Biennia (Expenditures)	\$	0
29	Future Biennia (Projected Costs)	\$	0
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31	TOTAL	\$	3,000,000

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