

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1221

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### As Reported By House Committee On:

State Government

**Title:** An act relating to the Lewis and Clark bicentennial advisory committee.

**Brief Description:** Regarding Lewis and Clark bicentennial advisory committee.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Ogden, Carlson, Conway, Mielke, Lantz, Pennington, Doumit, Hatfield and Dunn.

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

State Government: 1/29/99, 2/12/99 [DP].

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Creates the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Advisory Committee to plan and promote the bicentennial.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives McMorris, Republican Co-Chair; Romero, Democratic Co-Chair; Campbell, Republican Vice Chair; Miloscia, Democratic Vice Chair; Dunshee; Haigh; Lambert and D. Schmidt.

**Staff:** Scott MacColl (786-7106).

#### Background:

The years 2005-06 represent the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition reaching Washington. The state is currently promoting the expedition through the Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, which is administered and staffed by the State Parks and Recreation Commission, and is promoting, among other events, the bicentennial of the expedition.

The Washington State Historical Society is designated to work with the committee by coordinating its planning efforts with the State Parks and Recreation Commission. The

commission has current funding for fiscal year 98 to promote and plan for the bicentennial in an informal manner, and staff planning and coordination is already an ongoing effort.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Advisory Committee is created under the auspices of the Washington State Historical Society, and sunsets in June of 2007. The committee will have fifteen members made up of private citizens and representatives of the state. The committee is authorized to coordinate and lead the observance of the bicentennial.

The Washington State Historical Society is designated as administrative support, including space, budget and accounting functions, and collecting monies for the committee.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** Same as a bill last year that passed the house, but didn't make it off the Senate floor. Formalizes the role of the Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, which has been meeting since 1964 with volunteer members. The bill provides a vehicle to insure coordination between all appropriate agencies involved. Last year \$50,000 was appropriated to the State Historical Society for the bicentennial efforts. There are enormous implications for economic development now and in the future. People have already started coming to Washington because of the bicentennial. It is important to have legislators on the committee, so that the committee can have a voice in the Legislature. Washington is the first state to appropriate money for this, and the Governor's budget has \$100,000 earmarked for the next fiscal year. State parks also have monies in their budgets to redo interpretive centers along the trail. Economic development opportunities are motivating the interagency team already working on the celebration.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Representative Ogden, prime sponsor; Martin Plamondon II, Lewis and Clark Trail Committee; and David L. Nicandri, Washington State Historical Society.