

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

Bill Analysis

Bill No. ESB 5097

Transferring the office of archaeology and
historical preservation from the department
of community, trade and economic
development to the office of the secretary
of state.

Brief title

Hearing Date 3/30/99

Senator Hauger, Honeyford and Gardner
Sponsor(s)

Staff: Scot MacColl
State Government Committee
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BACKGROUND:

The Office of Archaeology and Historical Preservation (OAHHP) housed within the local government division of the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (CTED). The Office of Archaeology and Historical Preservation was moved to CTED in 1986.

The Office of Archaeology and Historical Preservation is responsible to maintain the State Register of Historical Sites, inventory state-owned and private property of archaeological and historical significance, administer federal investment credit program award federal grant money certified by the government for historical preservation, make recommendations to the National Register of Historic Places, and provide technical assistance and outreach.

SUMMARY:

A task force created to study the best place to locate OAHHP and to develop a single recommendation for legislative and executive consideration by January 2000. The task force must consider how to realize the potential of OAHHP to generate revenue services provided internationally and statewide, and the best method to achieve adequate funding from all sources assured in service staff support will be provided by CTED and the task force by June 30, 2000.

The task force is made up of eleven members: the State Historical Preservation Officer, chair of the task force, two members from state agencies, two members from local government, one member each from the Washington State Historical Society and the Eastern Washington Historical Society, and the Washington Trust for Historical Preservation. It includes two private sector representatives with experience in preservation of historical buildings and archaeology.

FISCANOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment session which bill passed.