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By Representatives Romero, Hankins, Morris, Wolfe, Edwards, O'Brien, Linville and Kenney

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1 AN ACT Relating to naming state buildings; and adding a new section  
2 to chapter 43.34 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.34 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) New or existing buildings on the state capitol grounds may be  
7 named or renamed only by the state capitol committee based upon a  
8 recommendation from the director of the department of general  
9 administration and with the advice of the capitol campus design  
10 advisory committee subject to the following limitations:

11 (a) An existing building may only be renamed after a substantial  
12 renovation or a change in the predominant tenant agency headquartered  
13 in the building.

14 (b) A new or existing building may be named or renamed after:

15 (i) An individual who has played a significant role in Washington  
16 history;

17 (ii) The purpose of the building;

18 (iii) The single or predominant tenant agency headquartered in the  
19 building;

1 (iv) A natural place in Washington;  
2 (v) A Native American tribe located in Washington;  
3 (vi) A group of people or type of person; or  
4 (vii) Any other appropriate person consistent with this section as  
5 recommended by the director of the department of general  
6 administration.

7 (c) The names on the facades of the state capitol group shall not  
8 be removed.

9 (2) New or existing public rooms or spaces on the state capitol  
10 grounds or within buildings on the state capitol grounds may only be  
11 named or renamed by the state capitol committee based upon a  
12 recommendation from the director of the department of general  
13 administration and with the advice of the capitol campus design  
14 advisory committee subject to the following limitations:

15 (a) An existing room or space may only be renamed after a  
16 substantial renovation;

17 (b) A new or existing room or space may only be named or renamed  
18 after:

19 (i) An individual who has played a significant role in Washington  
20 history;

21 (ii) The purpose of the room or space;

22 (iii) A natural place in Washington;

23 (iv) A Native American tribe located in Washington;

24 (v) A group of people or type of person; or

25 (vi) Any other appropriate person consistent with this section as  
26 recommended by the director of the department of general  
27 administration.

28 (3) When naming or renaming buildings, rooms, and spaces under this  
29 section, the state capitol committee must consider any disparity that  
30 exists with respect to the gender of persons after whom buildings,  
31 rooms, and spaces are named on the state capitol grounds.

32 (4) For purposes of this section, "state capitol grounds" means  
33 buildings and land owned by the state and otherwise designated as state  
34 capitol grounds, including the west capitol campus, the east capitol  
35 campus, the north capitol campus, the Tumwater campus, the Lacey  
36 campus, Sylvester Park, Centennial Park, the Old Capitol Building, and  
37 Capitol Lake.

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