
HOUSE BILL 2907

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Mitchell and Nixon

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1 AN ACT Relating to fund-raising efforts for the state legislative
2 building renovation project; amending RCW 42.52.800; adding a new
3 section to chapter 27.48 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Washington
7 state legislative building is an architecturally significant and
8 irreplaceable building worthy of rehabilitation and enhancement. Not
9 only is it a magnificent building, but it also reflects the essence of
10 self-government and democracy in the state of Washington.

11 The legislature further finds that the state legislative building
12 is an important asset to the citizens of Washington state, allowing
13 them to learn about state government, to research and track legislative
14 activity, to meet with state officials, and to participate in
15 government.

16 The legislature further finds that a combination of public funds
17 and private donations can involve the citizens of Washington state in
18 the building's rehabilitation and enhancement by engaging the public in

1 the preservation of the state legislative building and raising private
2 funds for restoration and educational efforts.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 27.48 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 State officers and state employees, as those terms are defined in
6 RCW 42.52.010, may engage in or encourage fund-raising activities
7 including the solicitation of charitable gifts, grants, or donations
8 specifically for the limited purpose of preservation and restoration of
9 the state legislative building and related educational exhibits and
10 programs.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.52.800 and 1999 c 343 s 4 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) When soliciting charitable gifts, grants, or donations solely
14 for the limited purposes of RCW 27.48.040, members of the capitol
15 furnishings preservation committee are exempt from the laws of this
16 chapter.

17 (2) When soliciting charitable gifts, grants, or donations solely
18 for the limited purposes of section 2 of this act or when assisting a
19 nonprofit foundation established for the purposes of section 2 of this
20 act, state officers and state employees are exempt from the laws of
21 this chapter.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
25 immediately.

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