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By Representatives Reykdal, DeBolt, Hunt, Alexander, Finn, and Haigh

1 AN ACT Relating to the management of Capitol lake; and amending RCW
2 79.24.650, 79.24.700, 79.24.710, and 79.24.720.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.24.650 and 1969 ex.s. c 272 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The state capitol committee shall provide for the construction,
7 remodeling, and furnishing of capitol office buildings, parking
8 facilities, governor's mansion, the management, protection,
9 preservation, and coordination of Capitol lake as a lake environment,
10 and such other buildings and facilities as are determined by the state
11 capitol committee to be necessary to provide space for the legislature
12 by way of offices, committee rooms, hearing rooms, and work rooms, and
13 to provide executive office space and housing for the governor, and to
14 provide executive office space for other elective officials and such
15 other state agencies as may be necessary, and to pay for all costs and
16 expenses in issuing the bonds and to pay interest thereon during
17 construction of the facilities for which the bonds were issued and six
18 months thereafter.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79.24.700 and 2005 c 330 s 1 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The legislature finds that the historic facilities of the
4 Washington state capitol, including Capitol lake, are the most
5 important public facilities in the state. They are a source of beauty
6 and pride, a resource for celebrating our heritage and democratic
7 ideals, and an exceptional educational resource. The public and
8 historic facilities of the state capitol campus, including the
9 associated grounds and Capitol Lake, should be managed and maintained
10 to the highest standards of excellence, model the best of historic
11 preservation practice, and maximize opportunities for public access and
12 enjoyment. Consistent with this objective, Capitol lake should be
13 managed and maintained as a lake environment, in coordination with
14 interests within the Deschutes watershed and Budd Inlet, to ensure that
15 overall aesthetic, recreational, sediment management, and environmental
16 benefits are achieved.

17 (2) The purpose of chapter 330, Laws of 2005 is to provide
18 authority and direction for the care and stewardship of the public and
19 historic facilities of the state capitol, to facilitate public access,
20 use, and enjoyment of these assets, and to carefully preserve them for
21 the benefit of future generations.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 79.24.710 and 2005 c 330 s 2 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 For the purposes of RCW 79.24.720, 79.24.730, 43.01.090, 43.19.500,
25 and 79.24.087, "state capitol public and historic facilities and
26 grounds" includes:

27 (1) The east, west and north capitol campus grounds, Sylvester
28 park, Heritage park, Marathon park, Centennial park, the Deschutes
29 river basin commonly known as Capitol lake, the interpretive center,
30 Deschutes parkway, and the landscape, memorials, artwork, fountains,
31 streets, sidewalks, lighting, and infrastructure in each of these areas
32 not including state-owned aquatic lands in these areas managed by the
33 department of natural resources under RCW (~~(79.90.450)~~) 79.105.010;

34 (2) The public spaces and the historic interior and exterior
35 elements of the following buildings: The visitor center, the
36 Governor's mansion, the legislative building, the John L. O'Brien
37 building, the Cherberg building, the Newhouse building, the Pritchard

1 building, the temple of justice, the insurance building, the Dolliver
2 building, capitol court, and the old capitol buildings, including the
3 historic state-owned furnishings and works of art commissioned for or
4 original to these buildings; and

5 (3) Other facilities or elements of facilities as determined by the
6 state capitol committee, in consultation with the department of general
7 administration.

8 **Sec. 4.** RCW 79.24.720 and 2005 c 330 s 3 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 The department of general administration is responsible for the
11 stewardship, preservation, operation, and maintenance of the public and
12 historic facilities and grounds of the state capitol, subject to the
13 policy direction of the state capitol committee and ~~((the legislative
14 buildings committee as created in chapter . . . (House Bill No. 1301),
15 Laws of 2005, and))~~ the guidance of the capitol campus design advisory
16 committee. In administering this responsibility, the department shall:

17 (1) Apply the United States secretary of the interior's standards
18 for the treatment of historic properties;

19 (2) Seek to balance the functional requirements of state government
20 operations with public access and the long-term preservation needs of
21 the properties themselves; ~~((and))~~

22 (3) Consult with the capitol furnishings preservation committee,
23 the state historic preservation officer, the state arts commission, and
24 the state facilities accessibility advisory committee in fulfilling the
25 responsibilities provided for in this section; and

26 (4) Coordinate with the jurisdictions with interest within the
27 Deschutes watershed and Budd Inlet to ensure that overall aesthetic,
28 recreational, sediment management, and environmental benefits are
29 achieved for Capitol lake as part of the Deschutes watershed.

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