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SENATE BILL 6004

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By Senators Carrell, Benton, Morton, Hill, Delvin, Sheldon, and Schoesler

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1            AN ACT Relating to expenditures for works of art; amending RCW  
2 43.17.200; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that one of its  
5 foremost duties is the prioritization and wise use of taxpayer funds.  
6 During times of economic downturn, it is incumbent upon the legislature  
7 to ensure limited state resources are spent prudently. Therefore, the  
8 legislature intends to suspend spending on art related to capital  
9 projects for the remainder of the 2011-2013 biennium and the 2013-2015  
10 biennium.

11            **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.17.200 and 2005 c 36 s 4 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13            All state agencies including all state departments, boards,  
14 councils, commissions, and quasi public corporations (~~shall~~) must  
15 allocate, as a nondeductible item, out of any moneys appropriated for  
16 the original construction of any public building, an amount of one-half  
17 of one percent of the appropriation to be expended by the Washington  
18 state arts commission for the acquisition of works of art. However, no

1 moneys may be expended, as of the effective date of this section, on  
2 the acquisition of works of art for the 2011-2013 biennium through the  
3 end of the 2013-2015 biennium, unless a contract for the acquisition of  
4 art existed prior to the effective date of this section. The works of  
5 art may be placed on public lands, integral to or attached to a public  
6 building or structure, detached within or outside a public building or  
7 structure, part of a portable exhibition or collection, part of a  
8 temporary exhibition, or loaned or exhibited in other public  
9 facilities. In addition to the cost of the works of art, the one-half  
10 of one percent of the appropriation as provided herein (~~shall~~) must  
11 be used to provide for the administration of the visual arts program,  
12 including conservation of the state art collection, by the Washington  
13 state arts commission and all costs for installation of the works of  
14 art. For the purpose of this section building (~~shall~~) does not  
15 include highway construction sheds, warehouses or other buildings of a  
16 temporary nature.

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act expires July 1, 2015.

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