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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2509**

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**By** House Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Representatives Reams, Jacobsen, Radcliff, Basich, Kessler, Chopp, Dickerson, Hatfield, Poulsen and Murray; by request of Secretary of State)

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1 AN ACT Relating to maritime historic restoration and preservation;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 88.02 RCW; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 43.08 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 88.02 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 In conjunction with the registration of vessels under this chapter,  
8 the department shall provide an opportunity for each person registering  
9 a vessel to make a voluntary donation to support the maritime historic  
10 restoration and preservation activities of the Grays Harbor Historical  
11 Seaport and the Steamer Virginia V Foundation. All voluntary donations  
12 collected under this section shall be deposited in the maritime  
13 historic restoration and preservation account created under section 2  
14 of this act.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.08 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) The maritime historic restoration and preservation account is  
18 created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from the

1 voluntary donations made simultaneously with the registration of  
2 vessels under chapter 88.02 RCW shall be deposited into this account.  
3 These deposits are not public funds and are not subject to allotment  
4 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW.

5 (2) At the end of each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall pay  
6 from this account to the department of licensing an amount equal to the  
7 reasonable administrative expenses of that agency for that fiscal year  
8 for collecting the voluntary donations and transmitting them to the  
9 state treasurer and shall pay to the state treasurer an amount equal to  
10 the reasonable administrative expenses of that agency for that fiscal  
11 year for maintaining the account and disbursing funds from the account.

12 (3) At the end of each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall pay  
13 one-half of the balance of the funds in the account after payment of  
14 the administrative costs provided in subsection (2) of this section, to  
15 the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport or its corporate successor and the  
16 remainder to the Steamer Virginia V Foundation or its corporate  
17 successor.

18 (4) If either the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport and its corporate  
19 successors or the Steamer Virginia V Foundation and its corporate  
20 successors legally ceases to exist, the state treasurer shall, at the  
21 end of each fiscal year, pay the balance of the funds in the account to  
22 the remaining organization.

23 (5) If both the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport and its corporate  
24 successors and the Steamer Virginia V Foundation and its corporate  
25 successors legally cease to exist, the department of licensing shall  
26 discontinue the collection of the voluntary donations in conjunction  
27 with the registration of vessels under section 1 of this act, and the  
28 balance of the funds in the account escheat to the state. If funds in  
29 the account escheat to the state, one-half of the fund balance shall be  
30 provided to the office of archaeology and historic preservation and the  
31 remainder shall be deposited into the state marine parks account.

32 (6) The secretary of state, the directors of the state historical  
33 societies, the director of the office of archaeology and historic  
34 preservation within the department of community, trade, and economic  
35 development, and two members representing the recreational boating  
36 community appointed by the secretary of state, shall review the success  
37 of the voluntary donation program for maritime historic restoration and  
38 preservation established under section 1 of this act and report their  
39 findings to the appropriate legislative committees by January 31, 1998.

- 1 The findings must include the progress of the program and the potential
- 2 to expand the voluntary funding to other historic vessels.

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