
Capital Budget Committee

HB 2007

Brief Description: Concerning contracting for local art funded through the capital budget art allocation.

Sponsors: Representatives Maycumber and Chapman.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires the Washington State Arts Commission, when selecting artists, to give preference to artists within 100 miles of the project site.
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Hearing Date: 2/21/19

Staff: Melissa Palmer (786-7388).

Background:

The Legislature established the Art in Public Places Program, administered by the Washington State Arts Commission (Commission) in 1974. Artwork acquisition is funded through Washington's Omnibus Capital Appropriations Act (Capital Budget) using a formula of 0.5 percent of the state's portion of construction for new buildings. This includes art allocations for construction of K-12 public schools, higher education institutions, and state agencies. Higher education institutions also receive 0.5 percent for renovation projects exceeding \$200,000. These artworks become part of the State Art Collection. The State Art Collection includes over 4,700 works. During fiscal year 2018, the Commission initiated 24 and closed 24 art projects.

The Commission is responsible for the designation of the projects and sites, selection, contracting, purchasing, commissioning, reviewing of design, execution and placement, acceptance, maintenance, and sale, exchange, or disposition of works of art. In carrying out their responsibilities, the Commission is to consult with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Representatives of School District Boards of Directors, Board of Regents or Trustees, and directors of state agencies, respectively.

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Summary of Bill:

In selecting the artist, the Commission must give preference to artists located within 100 miles of the project site.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.