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SENATE BILL 5783

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By Senators McCaslin and Conner.

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1 AN ACT Relating to legislative facilities; amending RCW 43.19.125,  
2 43.19.450, and 79.24.650; adding a new chapter to Title 44 RCW;  
3 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.19.125 and 1965 c 8 s 43.19.125 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The director of general administration, through the division of  
8 capitol buildings, shall have custody and control of the capitol  
9 buildings and grounds, except the legislative building and any other  
10 building of which the legislature occupies one-half or more, supervise  
11 and direct proper care, heating, lighting, and repairing thereof, and  
12 designate rooms in the capitol buildings, except the legislative  
13 building and any other building of which the legislature occupies one-  
14 half or more, to be occupied by various state officials.

1       (2) The director of general administration shall provide utilities,  
2 including heating and lighting, for the legislative building and any  
3 other building of which the legislature occupies one-half or more.  
4 Upon submission of properly executed vouchers detailing the actual cost  
5 of utilities, the legislature, every quarter, shall reimburse the  
6 department of general administration for the actual cost of the  
7 utilities provided. The director of general administration shall  
8 assist the legislature in providing proper care, repair, and  
9 maintenance of the legislative building and any other buildings in  
10 which the legislature occupies one-half or more when the legislature  
11 requests assistance.

12       **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.19.450 and 1988 c 36 s 14 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14       The director of general administration shall appoint and deputize  
15 an assistant director to be known as the supervisor of engineering and  
16 architecture who shall have charge and supervision of the division of  
17 engineering and architecture. With the approval of the director, the  
18 supervisor may appoint and employ such assistants and personnel as may  
19 be necessary to carry out the work of the division.

20       No person shall be eligible for appointment as supervisor of  
21 engineering and architecture unless he or she is licensed to practice  
22 the profession of engineering or the profession of architecture in the  
23 state of Washington and for the last five years prior to his or her  
24 appointment has been licensed to practice the profession of engineering  
25 or the profession of architecture.

26       As used in this section, "state facilities" includes all state  
27 buildings, related structures, and appurtenances constructed for any  
28 elected state officials, institutions, departments, boards,  
29 commissions, colleges, community colleges, except the state

1 universities, The Evergreen State College and regional universities.  
2 "State facilities" does not include facilities owned by or used for  
3 operational purposes and constructed for the department of  
4 transportation, department of fisheries, department of wildlife,  
5 department of natural resources, or state parks and recreation  
6 commission, nor does "state facilities" include the legislative  
7 building or any other buildings of which the legislature occupies one-  
8 half or more.

9 The director of general administration, through the division of  
10 engineering and architecture shall:

11 (1) Prepare cost estimates and technical information to accompany  
12 the capital budget and prepare or contract for plans and specifications  
13 for new construction and major repairs and alterations to state  
14 facilities(~~(-)~~);

15 (2) Contract for professional architectural, engineering, and  
16 related services for the design of new state facilities and major  
17 repair or alterations to existing state facilities(~~(-)~~);

18 (3) Provide contract administration for new construction and the  
19 repair and alteration of existing state facilities(~~(-)~~);

20 (4) In accordance with the public works laws, contract on behalf of  
21 the state for the new construction and major repair or alteration of  
22 state facilities; and

23 (5) Assist the legislature in contracting for professional  
24 architectural, engineering, and related services for minor and major  
25 alterations, repairs, and necessary maintenance to the legislative  
26 building and other buildings of which the legislature occupies one-half  
27 or more, when the legislature requests assistance.

28 The director may delegate any and all of the functions under  
29 subsections (1) through (~~(+4)~~) (5) of this section to any agency upon  
30 such terms and conditions as considered advisable.

1       The director may delegate the authority granted to the department  
2 under RCW 39.04.150 to any agency upon such terms as considered  
3 advisable.

4       **Sec. 3.** 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, and such other buildings and facilities  
9 as are determined by the state capitol committee to be necessary (~~to~~  
10 ~~provide space for the legislature by way of offices, committee rooms,~~  
11 ~~hearing rooms, and work rooms, and~~) to provide executive office space  
12 and housing for the governor, and to provide executive office space for  
13 other elective officials and such other state agencies as may be  
14 necessary, and to pay for all costs and expenses in issuing the bonds  
15 and to pay interest thereon during construction of the facilities for  
16 which the bonds were issued and six months thereafter.

17       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**       The legislature shall:

18       (1) Have custody and control over the legislative building and any  
19 other building of which the legislature occupies one-half or more;

20       (2) Supervise and direct the proper care and maintenance of the  
21 legislative building and any other building of which the legislature  
22 occupies one-half or more;

23       (3) Designate the rooms in the legislative building to be occupied  
24 by various state officials.   However, the offices of elected state  
25 officials in the legislative building on the effective date of this act  
26 shall not be moved from existing space in the legislative building  
27 until other comparable space on the capitol campus is made available;  
28 and

1 (4) Have the sole authority and responsibility for furnishing,  
2 remodeling, and making other necessary improvements to the legislative  
3 building.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The joint committee on legislative  
5 facilities is created. The committee consists of the members of the  
6 executive committee on rules of the house of representatives and the  
7 committee on facilities and operations of the senate.

8 The powers of the committee are subject to the following  
9 limitations: (1) The majority vote of the committee is necessary for  
10 a decision of the committee relating to the legislative building and  
11 the vote must include the affirmative votes of both a majority of the  
12 senators on the committee and a majority of the representatives on the  
13 committee; (2) A decision relating to any other building must be made  
14 by a majority vote of all the members on the committee from that house  
15 occupying one-half or more of the building. For purposes of any  
16 decision made under subsection (2) of this section, the committee is  
17 considered to be composed only of the members from that house occupying  
18 one-half or more of the building.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The joint committee on legislative  
20 facilities may:

21 (1) Appoint its own chairperson, vice-chairperson, and other  
22 officers;

23 (2) Advise and consult with the state capitol committee and the  
24 department of general administration on the possible needs for new  
25 construction or remodeling of capitol buildings to be occupied or  
26 currently occupied by the legislature; and

27 (3) Review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the legislature  
28 regarding the utility charges assessed the legislature by the

1 department of general administration for capitol campus facilities  
2 occupied wholly or in part by the legislature.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The committee shall cooperate, act, and  
4 function with other legislative committees and other state agencies.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** (1) A special account is established in  
6 the state general fund to be known as the legislative facilities  
7 account, which shall be used to help finance care, furnishing,  
8 remodeling, and improvements of the legislative building and any other  
9 building of which the legislature occupies one-half or more under  
10 section 4 of this act. Under the direction of the joint committee on  
11 legislative facilities, the state treasurer may receive moneys for this  
12 account, including gifts, grants, donations, and bequests, from any  
13 person or persons interested in making a contribution for this purpose.  
14 The committee on legislative facilities may refuse to accept such  
15 contributions. Donations of real property may be accepted or rejected  
16 by the committee. At the request of the committee, the department of  
17 general administration shall manage or sell any real property donated  
18 for the purposes of this chapter. Proceeds from the sale or management  
19 of real property shall be deposited in the legislative facilities  
20 account, except that expenses of the department shall be reimbursed  
21 from the proceeds. No moneys may be expended from the account without  
22 the approval of the committee on legislative facilities.

23 (2) The state treasurer shall report to the legislature no later  
24 than January 31st of each even-numbered year the status of funds and  
25 the expenditures during the previous two-year period for the  
26 legislative building and any other building of which the legislature  
27 occupies one-half or more.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**        The joint committee on legislative  
2 facilities may designate the legislative building or any building under  
3 the legislature's control under section 4 of this act as having special  
4 historical or architectural significance.        These designations  
5 constitute an official action of a legislative body under RCW  
6 19.27.120.

7        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 10.**        Sections 4 through 9 of this act shall  
8 constitute a new chapter in Title 44 RCW.

9        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 11.**        If any provision of this act or its  
10 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
11 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
12 persons or circumstances is not affected.

13        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 12.**        This act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
16 effect July 1, 1991.