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1 AN ACT Relating to the office of archaeology and historic
2 preservation; amending RCW 27.34.210, 27.34.220, 27.34.230, and
3 27.34.240; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.34.210 and 1995 c 399 s 14 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 There is hereby established the office of archaeology and historic
8 preservation within the ((department)) Washington state historical
9 society.

10 The director of the state historical society shall appoint the
11 preservation officer to assist the director in implementing this
12 chapter. The preservation officer shall have a background in program
13 administration, an active involvement in historic preservation, and a
14 knowledge of the national, state, and local preservation programs as
15 they affect the state of Washington.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.34.220 and 1997 c 145 s 1 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

1 The director of the state historical society or the director's
2 designee is authorized:

3 (1) To promulgate and maintain the Washington heritage register of
4 districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in
5 American or Washington state history, architecture, archaeology, and
6 culture, and to prepare comprehensive state-wide historic surveys and
7 plans and research and evaluation of surveyed resources for the
8 preparation of nominations to the Washington heritage register and the
9 national register of historic places, in accordance with criteria
10 approved by the advisory council established under RCW 27.34.250.
11 Nominations to the national register of historic places shall comply
12 with any standards and regulations promulgated by the United States
13 secretary of the interior for the preservation, acquisition, and
14 development of such properties. Nominations to the Washington heritage
15 register shall comply with rules adopted under this chapter.

16 (2) To establish a program of matching grants-in-aid to public
17 agencies, public or private organizations, or individuals for projects
18 having as their purpose the preservation for public benefit of
19 properties that are significant in American or Washington state
20 history, architecture, archaeology, and culture.

21 (3) To promote historic preservation efforts throughout the state,
22 including private efforts and those of city, county, and state
23 agencies.

24 (4) To enhance the effectiveness of the state preservation program
25 through the initiation of legislation, the use of varied funding
26 sources, the creation of special purpose programs, and contact with
27 state, county, and city officials, civic groups, and professionals.

28 (5) To spend funds, subject to legislative appropriation and the
29 availability of funds, where necessary to assist the Indian tribes of
30 Washington state in removing prehistoric human remains for scientific
31 examination and reburial, if the human remains have been unearthed
32 inadvertently or through vandalism and if no other public agency is
33 legally responsible for their preservation.

34 (6) To consult with the governor and the legislature on issues
35 relating to the conservation of the man-made environment and their
36 impact on the well-being of the state and its citizens.

37 (7) To charge fees for professional and clerical services provided
38 by the office.

1 (8) To adopt such rules, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, as
2 are necessary to carry out RCW 27.34.200 through 27.34.280.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 27.34.230 and 1986 c 266 s 12 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 The director of the state historical society or the director's
6 designee shall:

7 (1) Submit the budget requests for the office to the heritage
8 council for review and comment;

9 (2) Receive, administer, and disburse such gifts, grants, and
10 endowments from private sources as may be made in trust or otherwise
11 for the purposes of RCW 27.34.200 through ((27.34.290)) 27.34.280 or
12 the federal act; and

13 (3) Develop and implement a cultural resource management plan.

14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 27.34.240 and 1986 c 266 s 13 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 The amounts made available for grants to the public agencies,
17 public or private organizations, or individuals for projects for each
18 fiscal year shall be apportioned among program applicants by the
19 director of the state historical society or the director's designee,
20 with the advice of the preservation officer, in accordance with needs
21 as contained in state-wide archaeology and historic preservation plans
22 developed by the department.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The functions and personnel of the office of
24 archaeology and historic preservation shall be transferred from the
25 department of community, trade, and economic development without any
26 change in personnel status or compensation by September 1, 1999.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect September 1, 1999.

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