

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2188

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Ways & Means, March 22, 2005

Title: An act relating to conservation of the state art collection.

Brief Description: Funding the conservation of the state art collection.

Sponsors: Representatives Lantz, Kessler, Sells, Tom, McDermott, Conway, Kenney and Santos.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/10/05, 94-0.

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 3/22/05 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Doumit, Vice Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair; Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Fairley, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Pflug, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler and Thibaudeau.

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Background: Under the Building for the Arts program, when a public building is constructed by the state, 0.5 percent of the project costs are set aside for a public art project, to be placed in that building or the local community. The art becomes part of the Washington State Art Collection. The Washington State Arts Commission administers the program and may use part of the 0.5 percent for administrative costs. The Commission may not use funds for conservation or maintenance of the Collection. The capital budget bill places a limit on the funds that can be spent on administrative costs.

Summary of Bill: The Washington State Arts Commission is allowed to use part of the Building for the Arts funds for conservation of the Washington State Art Collection.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For (From SB 5940): This bill will allow the Washington State Arts Commission to take a different approach to stewardship needs of the Washington State Art Collection. The Commission will be able to repair pieces damaged from age, vandalism, and weather damage.

Testimony Against (From SB 5940): None.

Who Testified (From SB 5940): PRO: Mark Gerth, Washington State Arts Commission.