
SENATE BILL 5795

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1 AN ACT Relating to expenditures for works of art; amending RCW
2 43.17.200; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes one of its
5 foremost duties is the prioritization and wise use of taxpayer funds.
6 The legislature concludes that the placement of art at a correctional
7 facility which houses sex offenders is not a priority over other state
8 programs such as education and public safety, and further expenditures
9 on such activities constitute a misuse and waste of taxpayer funds. To
10 prevent such misuse of taxpayer dollars, the legislature hereby intends
11 to prohibit the expenditure of public funds on placement of works of
12 art in the special commitment center housed at McNeil Island.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.17.200 and 1983 c 204 s 4 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 All state agencies including all state departments, boards,
16 councils, commissions, and quasi public corporations shall allocate, as
17 a nondeductible item, out of any moneys appropriated for the original
18 construction of any public building, an amount of one-half of one

1 percent of the appropriation to be expended by the Washington state
2 arts commission for the acquisition of works of art; however, no moneys
3 shall be expended on, nor allocated for, the acquisition or placement
4 of works of art in a total confinement facility as defined in RCW
5 71.09.020. The works of art may be placed on public lands, integral to
6 or attached to a public building or structure, detached within or
7 outside a public building or structure, part of a portable exhibition
8 or collection, part of a temporary exhibition, or loaned or exhibited
9 in other public facilities. In addition to the cost of the works of
10 art the one-half of one percent of the appropriation as provided herein
11 shall be used to provide for the administration of the visual arts
12 program by the Washington state arts commission and all costs for
13 installation of the works of art. For the purpose of this section
14 building shall not include highway construction sheds, warehouses or
15 other buildings of a temporary nature.

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