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**Agriculture & Natural Resources  
Committee**

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**HB 1172**

**Brief Description:** Evaluating the seminary building at Saint Edward state park.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Kagi, B. Sullivan, Ericks, Chase, O'Brien, Springer, Goodman, Hudgins and Wallace.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires the State Parks and Recreation Commission to conduct or hire a full engineering and architectural evaluation of the seminary building at Saint Edward State Park.

**Hearing Date:** 1/31/07

**Staff:** Jaclyn Ford (786-7339).

**Background:**

The State Parks and Recreation Commission (the Commission) has authority to care, charge, control, and supervise all parks and parkways [RCW 79A.05.030].

Saint Edward State Park is a 316-acre day-use park with 3,000 feet of freshwater shoreline at the north end of Lake Washington in Kenmore. In the late 1920s, the archbishop of Seattle donated the property to the Diocese of Seattle for use as a seminary by the Sulpician Order of Catholic Priests. In 1931, Saint Edward Seminary was constructed. In the fall of 1977, the diocese sold 316 acres, including the seminary, to the state for use as a state park. In 1978, the property was dedicated and received its current name.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Commission will conduct or hire a full engineering and architectural evaluation of the seminary building at Saint Edward State Park. At a minimum, the evaluation will identify the repairs required to slow the deterioration of the seminary building and the repairs needed for safety purposes. In addition, the evaluation must identify which repairs would be necessary for

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the seminary building to be used for purposes other than recreational occupancy. The Commission will report on the evaluation to the Legislature by January 1, 2008.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 26, 2007.

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