

**SB 5649 - DIGEST**

Requires the Washington state arts commission to establish and administer the poet laureate program. The poet laureate shall engage in activities to promote and encourage poetry within the state, including but not limited to readings, workshops, lectures, or presentations for Washington educational institutions and communities in geographically diverse areas over a two-year term.

Creates the poet laureate account in the custody of the state treasurer with an allocation of thirty thousand dollars.