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By Representatives Armstrong, Miloscia, Appleton, Conway, Anderson, Newhouse, Moeller, and Ormsby; by request of Secretary of State

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1 AN ACT Relating to naming public spaces in the Washington state
2 heritage center; and amending RCW 43.34.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.34.090 and 2002 c 164 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The legislature shall approve names for new or existing
7 buildings on the state capitol grounds based upon recommendations from
8 the state capitol committee and the director of the department of
9 general administration, with the advice of the capitol campus design
10 advisory committee, subject to the following limitations:

11 (a) An existing building may be renamed only after a substantial
12 renovation or a change in the predominant tenant agency headquartered
13 in the building.

14 (b) A new or existing building may be named or renamed after:

15 (i) An individual who has played a significant role in Washington
16 history;

17 (ii) The purpose of the building;

18 (iii) The single or predominant tenant agency headquartered in the
19 building;

1 (iv) A significant place name or natural place in Washington;
2 (v) A Native American tribe located in Washington;
3 (vi) A group of people or type of person;
4 (vii) Any other appropriate person consistent with this section as
5 recommended by the director of the department of general
6 administration.

7 (c) The names on the facades of the state capitol group shall not
8 be removed.

9 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the
10 legislature shall approve names for new or existing public rooms or
11 spaces on the west capitol campus based upon recommendations from the
12 state capitol committee and the director of the department of general
13 administration, with the advice of the capitol campus design advisory
14 committee, subject to the following limitations:

15 (a) An existing room or space may be renamed only after a
16 substantial renovation;

17 (b) A new or existing room or space may be named or renamed only
18 after:

19 (i) An individual who has played a significant role in Washington
20 history;

21 (ii) The purpose of the room or space;

22 (iii) A significant place name or natural place in Washington;

23 (iv) A Native American tribe located in Washington;

24 (v) A group of people or type of person;

25 (vi) Any other appropriate person consistent with this section as
26 recommended by the director of the department of general
27 administration.

28 (3) The state capitol committee shall approve names for new or
29 existing public rooms or spaces in the Washington state heritage center
30 on the west capitol campus, proposed by the secretary of state. The
31 secretary of state shall adopt regulations to govern name proposals in
32 honor of a donor, benefactor, grant-maker, or other person or entity
33 who has substantially contributed financially or in kind to the center.
34 The donor, benefactor, grant-maker or other person or entity may be
35 acknowledged with a standard plaque, sign, or other recognition as
36 proposed by the secretary of state, reviewed by the capitol campus
37 design advisory committee, and approved by the state capitol committee.

1 (4) When naming or renaming buildings, rooms, and spaces under this
2 section, consideration must be given to: (a) Any disparity that exists
3 with respect to the gender of persons after whom buildings, rooms, and
4 spaces are named on the state capitol grounds; (b) the diversity of
5 human achievement; and (c) the diversity of the state's citizenry and
6 history.

7 (~~(4)~~) (5) For purposes of this section, "state capitol grounds"
8 means buildings and land owned by the state and otherwise designated as
9 state capitol grounds, including the west capitol campus, the east
10 capitol campus, the north capitol campus, the Tumwater campus, the
11 Lacey campus, Sylvester Park, Centennial Park, the Old Capitol
12 Building, and Capitol Lake.

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