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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5887

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By Senate Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by Senators Pearson and Ranker)

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1 AN ACT Relating to lengthening the maximum terms of leases 2 entered into by the director of enterprise services at the former 3 Northern State Hospital site; and amending RCW 43.82.010.

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

5 Sec. 1. RCW 43.82.010 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 981 are each 6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The director of enterprise services, on behalf of the agency involved and after consultation with the office of 8 financial management, shall purchase, lease, lease purchase, rent, or otherwise 9 10 acquire all real estate, improved or unimproved, as may be required 11 by elected state officials, institutions, departments, commissions, boards, and other state agencies, or federal agencies where joint 12 13 state and federal activities are undertaken and may grant easements 14 and transfer, exchange, sell, lease, or sublease all or part of any surplus real estate for those state agencies which do not otherwise 15 16 have the specific authority to dispose of real estate. This section 17 does not transfer financial liability for the acquired property to the department of enterprise services. 18

19 (2) Except for real estate occupied by federal agencies, the 20 director shall determine the location, size, and design of any real 21 estate or improvements thereon acquired or held pursuant to 1 subsection (1) of this section. Facilities acquired or held pursuant to this chapter, and any improvements thereon, shall conform to 2 standards adopted by the director and approved by the office of 3 financial management governing facility efficiency unless a specific 4 exemption from such standards is provided by the director of 5 б enterprise services. The director of enterprise services shall report to the office of financial management and the appropriate committees 7 of the legislature annually on any exemptions granted pursuant to 8 this subsection. 9

(3) Except for leases permitted under subsection (4) of this 10 section, the director of enterprise services may fix the terms and 11 12 conditions of each lease entered into under this chapter, except that no lease shall extend greater than twenty years in duration. The 13 director of enterprise services may enter into a long-term lease 14 greater than ten years in duration upon a determination by the 15 director of the office of financial management that the long-term 16 17 lease provides a more favorable rate than would otherwise be available, it appears to a substantial certainty that the facility is 18 necessary for use by the state for the full length of the lease term, 19 and the facility meets the standards adopted pursuant to subsection 20 21 (2) of this section. The director of enterprise services may enter into a long-term lease greater than ten years in duration if an 22 analysis shows that the life-cycle cost of leasing the facility is 23 less than the life-cycle cost of purchasing or constructing a 24 25 facility in lieu of leasing the facility.

26 (4) <u>The director of enterprise services may fix the terms of</u> 27 <u>leases for property under the department of enterprise services'</u> 28 <u>control at the former Northern State Hospital site for up to sixty</u> 29 <u>years.</u>

(5) Except as permitted under chapter 39.94 RCW, no lease for or 30 31 on behalf of any state agency may be used or referred to as 32 collateral or security for the payment of securities offered for sale through a public offering. Except as permitted under chapter 39.94 33 RCW, no lease for or on behalf of any state agency may be used or 34 referred to as collateral or security for the payment of securities 35 offered for sale through a private placement without the prior 36 written approval of the state treasurer. However, this limitation 37 shall not prevent a lessor from assigning or encumbering its interest 38 39 in a lease as security for the repayment of a promissory note 40 provided that the transaction would otherwise be an exempt

1 transaction under RCW 21.20.320. The state treasurer shall adopt rules that establish the criteria under which any such approval may 2 be granted. In establishing such criteria the state treasurer shall 3 give primary consideration to the protection of the state's credit 4 rating and the integrity of the state's debt management program. If 5 6 it appears to the state treasurer that any lease has been used or referred to in violation of this subsection or rules adopted under 7 this subsection, then he or she may recommend that the governor cause 8 such lease to be terminated. The department of enterprise services 9 shall promptly notify the state treasurer whenever it may appear to 10 11 the department that any lease has been used or referred to in 12 violation of this subsection or rules adopted under this subsection.

13 (((5))) (6) It is the policy of the state to encourage the 14 colocation and consolidation of state services into single or 15 adjacent facilities, whenever appropriate, to improve public service 16 delivery, minimize duplication of facilities, increase efficiency of 17 operations, and promote sound growth management planning.

(((-6))) (7) The director of enterprise services shall provide 18 coordinated long-range planning services to identify and evaluate 19 opportunities for colocating and consolidating state facilities. Upon 20 21 the renewal of any lease, the inception of a new lease, or the purchase of a facility, the director of enterprise services shall 22 determine whether an opportunity exists for colocating the agency or 23 agencies in a single facility with other agencies located in the same 24 25 geographic area. If a colocation opportunity exists, the director of 26 enterprise services shall consult with the affected state agencies and the office of financial management to evaluate the impact 27 28 colocation would have on the cost and delivery of agency programs, including whether program delivery would be enhanced due to the 29 centralization of services. The director of enterprise services, in 30 31 consultation with the office of financial management, shall develop 32 procedures for implementing colocation and consolidation of state 33 facilities.

34 (((7))) (8) The director of enterprise services is authorized to 35 purchase, lease, rent, or otherwise acquire improved or unimproved 36 real estate as owner or lessee and to lease or sublet all or a part 37 of such real estate to state or federal agencies. The director of 38 enterprise services shall charge each using agency its proportionate 39 rental which shall include an amount sufficient to pay all costs, 40 including, but not limited to, those for utilities, janitorial and

accounting services, and sufficient to provide for contingencies;
which shall not exceed five percent of the average annual rental, to
meet unforeseen expenses incident to management of the real estate.

((((8))) <u>(9)</u> If the director of enterprise services determines 4 that it is necessary or advisable to undertake any work, 5 б construction, alteration, repair, or improvement on any real estate acquired pursuant to subsection (1) or $\left(\left(\frac{7}{7}\right)\right)$ (8) of this section, 7 the director shall cause plans and specifications thereof and an 8 estimate of the cost of such work to be made and filed in his or her 9 office and the state agency benefiting thereby is hereby authorized 10 11 to pay for such work out of any available funds: PROVIDED, That the 12 cost of executing such work shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars. Work, construction, alteration, repair, or 13 improvement in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars, other than 14 that done by the owner of the property if other than the state, shall 15 16 be performed in accordance with the public works law of this state.

17 (((9))) (10) In order to obtain maximum utilization of space, the 18 director of enterprise services shall make space utilization studies, 19 and shall establish standards for use of space by state agencies. 20 Such studies shall include the identification of opportunities for 21 colocation and consolidation of state agency office and support 22 facilities.

((((10))) (11) The director of enterprise services may construct 23 new buildings on, or improve existing facilities, and furnish and 24 25 equip, all real estate under his or her management. Prior to the 26 construction of new buildings or major improvements to existing facilities or acquisition of facilities using a lease purchase 27 contract, the director of enterprise services shall conduct an 28 evaluation of the facility design and budget using life-cycle cost 29 analysis, value-engineering, and other techniques to maximize the 30 31 long-term effectiveness and efficiency of the facility or 32 improvement.

33 (((11))) (12) All conveyances and contracts to purchase, lease, 34 rent, transfer, exchange, or sell real estate and to grant and accept 35 easements shall be approved as to form by the attorney general, 36 signed by the director of enterprise services or the director's 37 designee, and recorded with the county auditor of the county in which 38 the property is located.

39 (((12))) (13) The director of enterprise services may delegate 40 any or all of the functions specified in this section to any agency

1 upon such terms and conditions as the director deems advisable. By 2 January 1st of each year, beginning January 1, 2008, the department 3 shall submit an annual report to the office of financial management 4 and the appropriate committees of the legislature on all delegated 5 leases.

6 (((13))) <u>(14)</u> This section does not apply to the acquisition of 7 real estate by:

8 (a) The state college and universities for research or 9 experimental purposes;

10 (b) The state liquor control board for liquor stores and 11 warehouses;

12 (c) The department of natural resources, the department of fish 13 and wildlife, the department of transportation, and the state parks 14 and recreation commission for purposes other than the leasing of 15 offices, warehouses, and real estate for similar purposes; and

(d) The department of commerce for community college health career training programs, offices for the department of commerce or other appropriate state agencies, and other nonprofit community uses, including community meeting and training facilities, where the real estate is acquired during the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium.

21 (((14))) (15) Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to 22 the contrary, the department of enterprise services may negotiate 23 ground leases for public lands on which property is to be acquired 24 under a financing contract pursuant to chapter 39.94 RCW under terms 25 approved by the state finance committee.

(((15))) (16) The department of enterprise services shall report annually to the office of financial management and the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature on facility leases executed for all state agencies for the preceding year, lease terms, and annual lease costs. The report must include leases executed under RCW 43.82.045 and subsection (((12))) (13) of this section.

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