

EHB 1828 - S AMD TO SGTE COMM AMD (S-5379.1/18) **884**
By Senator Sheldon

1 On page 6, after line 30 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "(5) The legislature finds that the capitol dome is an
3 architectural wonder, inspiring legislators, staff, and visitors
4 alike. Comprised of sandstone cleft from quarries near majestic Mount
5 Rainier, the height of this fifth largest dome in the world, and
6 tallest in North America, is, unfortunately, made slightly higher by
7 a thin yet distinctly noticeable layer of fungi enveloping its entire
8 surface. The legislature wishes to advance a modest proposal to study
9 the adverse effects of the capitol dome's grey toupee on the psyche,
10 health, and well-being of those who work within and visit the state's
11 capitol, and formulate a sustainable plan for the control of fungus,
12 lichen, and mold. The legislature therefore intends to gather data
13 from state agencies using the office facilities in the capitol
14 through the department of enterprise services which shall:

15 (a) Offer to every legislator a guided inspection of the top of
16 the dome, from the vantage point of the cupola, so they can witness
17 the damage being done to the "pate of state" by the encroaching
18 fungi; and

19 (b) Study the effect of fungus, lichen, and mold on the capitol
20 dome and develop a plan to eradicate it consistent with other
21 regulations and approaches for fungus, lichen, and mold eradication
22 in business structures. The department of enterprise services must
23 report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the
24 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2018. The
25 study must include:

26 (i) A survey of visitors that shall be titled "You likin' the
27 lichen?" and measure the alienation that viewing a capitol dome
28 covered in fungus, lichen, and mold generates in the citizenry. The
29 survey shall measure the responses on a range from "Inspires total
30 confidence in the competency of the government to address problems
31 large and small as well as in democratic ideals" to "Makes me
32 physically ill." The survey should also measure whether the public
33 perceives that the presence of fungus, lichen, and mold on the

1 capitol sends a message that the "fungus lobby" has undue influence
2 over their state government;

3 (ii) An identification of the types of health risks that may be
4 suffered due to the presence of fungus, lichen, and mold in the work
5 environment under the capitol dome, and whether those have manifested
6 in recent legislative sessions, including: Confusion, physical
7 ailments, mental paralysis, an agitated mental state causing
8 arguments over meaningless matters, declining mental acuity, and loss
9 of a sense of humor;

10 (iii) Identification of whether the presence of fungus, lichen,
11 and mold on the capitol dome contributes to climate change, a
12 required item in all legislative studies during the current
13 legislative session;

14 (iv) Identification of the individuals including, but not limited
15 to, legislators, visitors, and staff who may have had health effects
16 correlated with the cleanliness of the capitol dome and providing a
17 summary analysis of the general malaise and causing factors;

18 (v) A physical inspection, by a trained medical specialist, of
19 legislators, staff, and lobbyists who have served over fifteen years
20 under the dome to see if they have signs of deterioration due to
21 exposure to fungus, lichen, or mold, given their propensity to spread
22 to artifices located in a structure that have been dormant;

23 (vi) The development of a protocol to remove fungus, lichen, and
24 mold consistent with the environmental protection agency guidelines
25 for fungus, lichen, and mold remediation in schools and commercial
26 buildings, including, but not limited to, wrapping the entire dome in
27 polyurethane sheeting, with a slit entry and covering flap,
28 maintained under negative pressure with HEPA-filtered fan exhausted
29 outside of the building, and supply-and-return vent blocked within
30 the containment area; and

31 (vii) Whether upon total fungus, lichen, and mold removal from
32 the dome, the following Latin phrase should be inscribed in a
33 prominent place on or near the dome or capitol campus: "Fungus nobis
34 non sit" which translated is "Let there be no fungus among us."

EFFECT: Requires the Department of Enterprise Services offer to every legislator a guided inspection of the top of the dome and study the effect of fungus, lichen, and mold on the capitol dome and report

its findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2018.

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