
**State Government & Tribal Relations
Committee**

HCR 4402

Brief Description: Renaming the Natural Resources Building as the Jennifer Belcher Building.

Sponsors: Representatives Doglio, Santos, Ryu, Pollet, Bateman, Goodman and Senn.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Renames the "Natural Resources Building" as the "Jennifer Belcher Building."
- Directs the Department of Enterprise Services to place the new name on the building.

Hearing Date: 2/14/23

Staff: Jason Zolle (786-7124).

Background:

Representative Jennifer Belcher served Washington State's twenty-second Legislative District from 1983 to 1992, serving on 10 House Committees over the course of her tenure. She served her full tenure on the Natural Resources Committee and was its chair from 1989 to 1992. Representative Belcher was one of six female state representatives dubbed the "Steel Magnolias" who led a successful effort to transform land use regulation by crafting the Growth Management Act. She was also the first woman to be elected Washington State's Commissioner of Public Lands, where she attained a 50-year habitat conservation plan for management of state forestlands, turning the state's premier land management agency toward conservation.

The Legislature is authorized to approve names for certain state facilities based on

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recommendations from the State Capitol Committee and the Department of Enterprise Services, with the advice of the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee and subject to specific criteria.

The state office building at 1111 Washington Street SE is known as the "Natural Resources Building."

Summary of Bill:

The Natural Resources Building is renamed the "Jennifer Belcher Building." The Department of Enterprise Services is directed to place that name on the building.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 9, 2023.

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