

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HCR 4405

As Reported by House Committee On:
State Government & Tribal Relations
Capital Budget

Brief Description: Naming the new Irving R. Newhouse Building.

Sponsors: Representatives Sandlin, Chandler, Dent, Timmons, Eslick, Chambers, Christian, Corry, Couture, Connors, Low, Ramos, Ormsby, Barnard and Reeves.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government & Tribal Relations: 1/9/24, 1/12/24 [DP];
Capital Budget: 1/25/24, 2/2/24 [DP].

Brief Summary of Concurrent Resolution

- Names the new office building located at 215 Sid Snyder Avenue Southwest the "Irving R. Newhouse Building."

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL RELATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Ramos, Chair; Stearns, Vice Chair; Cheney, Ranking Minority Member; Christian, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Gregerson, Low and Mena.

Staff: Connor Schiff (786-7093).

Background:

Irving R. Newhouse represented the fifteenth Legislative District for 34 years. He served in the House of Representatives from 1965 to 1980 and in the Senate from 1980 to 1998. During his tenure, he served as Senate Republican Floor Leader and Senate President Pro Tempore.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

In 1998 the Senate office building located at 215 Sid Snyder Avenue Southwest was named after Senator Newhouse upon his retirement. This building was constructed in 1934 as a temporary structure and demolished in 2023.

A replacement building is currently under construction. The replacement is part of the Legislative Campus Modernization project. The building will be 60,000 square feet and have four stories. The building will house several legislative offices, including Senate member offices, the joint Legislative Page School, and Ethics and Human Resources.

The Legislature approves names for new buildings on the state capitol grounds based on recommendations from the State Capitol Committee and the Director of the Department of Enterprise Services. A new building may be named after an individual who has played a significant role in Washington history, the purpose of the building, a significant place name or natural place in Washington, a Native American tribe located in Washington, a group or people or type of person, or an appropriate person recommended by the Director of the Department of Enterprise Services.

The State Capitol Committee and the Department of Enterprise Services, with the advice of the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee, recommended that the new office building at 215 Sid Snyder Avenue Southwest retain the name "Irving R. Newhouse Building."

Summary of Bill:

The new office building, located on the capitol grounds at 215 Sid Snyder Avenue Southwest, is named the "Irving R. Newhouse Building."

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Irving Newhouse epitomizes state service. Members of the Legislature support naming the new building after Irving Newhouse.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Bryan Sandlin, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL BUDGET

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 27 members: Representatives Tharinger, Chair; Callan, Vice Chair; Hackney, Vice Chair; Abbarno, Ranking Minority Member; McClintock, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Steele, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Alvarado, Bateman, Cheney, Christian, Dye, Eslick, Farivar, Fosse, Kloba, Kretz, Maycumber, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orwall, Peterson, Reed, Rule, Sandlin, Shavers, Stearns and Waters.

Staff: Kelci Karl-Robinson (786-7116).

Summary of Recommendation of Committee On Capital Budget Compared to Recommendation of Committee On State Government & Tribal Relations:

No new changes were recommended.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This bipartisan bill passed out of the policy committee unanimously. Irving Newhouse served in the House of Representatives from 1965 until 1980 and in the Senate from 1980 until 1999. This resolution seeks to name the new building after former Representative Newhouse.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Greg Cheney.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.