
Appropriations Committee

HB 1841

Brief Description: Establishing the own your own art purchase program.

Sponsors: Representatives Wylie, Hill and Doglio.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishes a program that provides interest-free or low-interest loans for certain individuals to purchase art created by Washington state artists or Washington-based indigenous artists.

Hearing Date: 2/22/25

Staff: Xianyu Li (786-7094).

Background:

The Washington State Arts Commission (Commission) promotes and documents the public value of the arts. The Commission supports the following main programs:

- The Public Art Program manages and protects the State Art Collection.
- The Grants Program provides grant opportunities to expand art participation statewide.
- The Creative Districts Program supports communities that connect arts and culture to economic development.
- The Arts in Education Program supports high quality, standards-based arts education.

Summary of Bill:

The Own Your Own Art Purchase Program (Program) is established in the Commission. This Program provides interest-free or low-interest loans for eligible individuals to purchase art created by Washington state artists or Washington-based indigenous artists. The Commission is

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required to administer the program, issue loans, and collect loan payments.

To be eligible for a loan of this Program, an applicant must:

- be a resident of the United States;
- be 18 years of age or older;
- purchase artwork for personal use;
- agree not to export the artwork while the loan is outstanding without written consent from the Commission; and
- meet other eligibility criteria established by the Commission in rule.

The bill includes an appropriation of \$225,000 from the State General Fund for the Program in fiscal year 2026. Loan amounts are specified to be between \$1,000 and \$12,000.

Appropriation: The sum of \$225,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Washington State Arts Commission.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 10, 2025.

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