

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5522

As of February 3, 2025

Title: An act relating to the state capitol campus.

Brief Description: Concerning the state capitol campus.

Sponsors: Senators Krishnadasan, Wilson, J., Trudeau, Valdez, Schoesler, Riccelli, Bateman, Dozier, Nobles, Saldaña, Salomon and Wilson, C.; by request of Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections: 2/04/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Expounds on the building naming process.
- Adjusts responsibilities related to capital projects for the capitol campus.
- Modifies the membership of the State Capitol Committee and the Capitol Campus Design Subcommittee.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS

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Background: Naming of Buildings, Rooms, or Spaces on the Capitol Campus. Under current law, the Legislature approves names for new or existing buildings, public rooms, or spaces on the state capitol grounds. This approval is based on recommendations from the State Capitol Committee and the director of the Department of Enterprise Services (DES), with the advice of the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee (CCDAC). There are a few limitations on the naming process. First, an existing building may be renamed only after a substantial renovation or a change in the predominant tenant agency headquartered in the

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building. Second, a new or existing building, public room, or space may only be named or renamed after:

- an individual who has played a significant role in Washington history;
- the purpose of the building, room, or space;
- the single or predominant tenant agency headquartered in the building;
- a significant place name or natural place in Washington;
- a Native American tribe located in Washington;
- a group of people or type of person; or
- any other appropriate person consistent with existing limitations and recommended by the director of DES.

Capitol grounds is defined to mean buildings and land owned by the state and otherwise designated as the capitol grounds, including the west capitol campus, the east capitol campus, the north capitol campus, the Tumwater campus, the Lacey campus, Sylvester Park, Centennial Park, the Old Capitol Building, and Capitol Lake.

State Capitol Committee Membership and Responsibilities. The State Capitol Committee consists of the Governor or their designee, the Lieutenant Governor, the secretary of state, and the commissioner of public lands, ex officio. The State Capitol Committee may erect permanent or temporary buildings, excavate or partially excavate for any such building or buildings, partially erect buildings, and make improvements upon the capitol grounds.

Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee Membership and Responsibilities. CCDAC is an advisory group to the State Capitol Committee and the director of DES. CCDAC reviews programs, planning, design, and landscaping of state capitol facilities and grounds, and makes recommendations that contribute to the attainment of architectural, aesthetic, functional, and environmental excellence of facilities on the capitol campus and in neighboring communities. CCDAC must review plans and designs that affect state capitol facilities as they are developed. This review is required to include:

- the process of solicitation and selection of professional design services;
- compliance with the capitol campus master plan and design concepts adopted by the State Capitol Committee;
- the design, siting, and grouping of facilities relative to the service needs of state government and the impact upon the local community's economy, environment, traffic patterns, and other factors;
- the relationship of overall state capitol facility planning to the respective comprehensive plans for long-range, urban development of the cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater as well as Thurston County; and
- landscaping plans and designs.

CCDAC membership includes:

- the secretary of state;
- two members of the House of Representatives, one from each caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

- two members of the Senate, one from each caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- four members appointed by the director of DES, including two architects, a landscape architect, and an urban planner.

The director of DES is responsible for appointing the chair and vice chair of CCDAC, as well as providing staff and resources. CCDAC must meet at least once every 90 days and at the call of the chair.

Summary of Bill: Naming of Buildings, Rooms, or Spaces on the Capitol Campus. The definition of capitol campus is updated to mean the grounds owned by the state and designated as state capitol grounds, including the west capitol campus, the east capitol campus, Sylvester Park, the Old Capitol Building, Capitol Lake, and ways open to the public and specified adjoining lands and roadways, including the north capitol campus and Centennial Park, Dolliver Building, ProArts Building, 721 Columbia Building, State Farm Building, 120 Union Building, and Washington Building.

The Legislature shall by concurrent resolution approve names for new or existing buildings, public rooms, or spaces on the capitol campus. The Legislature may only approve building names recommended by a vote of the State Capitol Committee. Existing statutory limitations are retained, with a few adjustments. First, language is added to clarify that existing buildings may be renamed after a substantial renovation where the renovation costs exceed 50 percent of the replacement cost for the building, or a project that includes rehabilitation of more than 50 percent of the building as determined by DES. A new or existing building, public room, or space may only be named or renamed after:

- an individual who has played a significant role in Washington history;
- the purpose of the building, room, or space;
- the single or predominant tenant agency headquartered in the building;
- a significant place name or natural place in Washington;
- a Native American tribe located in Washington; or
- a group of people or type of person.

In addition to current statutory limitations in place, buildings on the capitol campus may only be named after individuals after they have been deceased for ten years.

Department of Enterprise Services. DES must present information on proposed capital projects for the capitol campus to the State Capitol Committee by March 31st each year. By December 1st of each even-numbered year, DES must present an updated campus stewardship programmatic report to the State Capitol Committee for approval. The report must include landscaping of capitol facilities and grounds, historic preservation, and maintenance of capitol facilities on campus. DES is also required to provide staff to the State Capitol Committee for support and records maintenance, rather than provide staff to the Capitol Campus Design Subcommittee (Subcommittee) for the same purposes.

State Capitol Committee Membership and Responsibilities. The following members are added to the State Capitol Committee:

- the superintendent of public instruction, or their designee;
- the state treasurer, or their designee;
- the attorney general, or their designee;
- the chief justice, or their designee;
- two members of the House State Government and Tribal Relations Committee, one from each caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- two members of the House Capital Budget Committee, one from each caucus, who must serve as the chair, vice chair, ranking member, or assistant ranking member of the State Capitol Committee, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- two members of the Senate State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections Committee, one from each caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- two members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, one from each caucus, who must serve as the chair, capital budget vice chair, capital budget ranking member, or capital budget assistant ranking member, to be appointed by the President of the Senate.

The State Capitol Committee must elect a chair and vice chair by a majority vote to serve a one-year term. The chair and vice chair are required to serve different branches of government. A majority of all members of the State Capitol Committee constitutes a quorum.

The State Capitol Committee is responsible for building construction, building naming recommendations, approval of campus master plans, special designations regarding the capitol campus, and approval of memorials, artwork, and statues in all public spaces of the capitol campus. It must review and approve all capital projects on, and substantial changes to, the capitol campus. The State Capitol Committee must review proposed capital projects for the capitol campus and make a recommendation to the Legislature regarding importance, impact, and prioritization of proposed projects for the capital budget. By June 30th each year, the State Capitol Committee must make a recommendation to DES on proposed capital projects for the capitol campus.

Capitol Campus Design Subcommittee Membership and Responsibilities. The CCDAC is renamed the Subcommittee. The following members are added to the Subcommittee, and must be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the director of DES:

- three campus agency facility operations leaders, at least one of which must be a facility operations leader from the house or senate; and
- the director of the Washington State Arts Commission, or their designee.

The following members are removed from the Subcommittee:

- the secretary of state;
- two members of the House of Representatives, one from each caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

- two members of the Senate, one from each caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate.

The Subcommittee must provide experience and context to blend operations with design and construction, thinking through current restraints and ongoing costs. The Subcommittee will provide guidance and planning for the ten-year DES Capitol Campus Capital Plan, and provide recommended timing for ongoing campus facility renewals, such as information technology infrastructure, and carpet.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 24, 2025.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.