
SENATE BILL 5019

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By Senators Honeyford and Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to resident curators of state properties; adding a
2 new section to chapter 43.19 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that other states have
5 successfully implemented resident curator programs that preserve,
6 maintain, and restore historic and other significant state-owned
7 properties by allowing private parties to occupy or use the properties,
8 at no cost or reduced rent, in exchange for the tenant's maintenance,
9 rehabilitation, or restoration of the property.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 A state agency with statutory authority to lease state-owned
13 properties to private parties may negotiate a lease at a rate that is
14 less than fair market value in consideration of the lessee's occupancy
15 of the property and agreement to restore, maintain, rehabilitate, or
16 otherwise improve the leased property. Such an agreement must be in
17 writing and must clearly specify the terms of the agreement and the
18 improvements to be made to the property. No improvements to the

1 property may be made without the approval of the leasing agency. If
2 the property is listed, or is eligible to be listed, on the national
3 register of historic places, the Washington heritage register, or a
4 local historic register, the agency must consult with the department of
5 archaeology and historic preservation and all work performed on the
6 property must comply with the federal department of interior standards
7 for rehabilitation of historic properties.

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