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By Senators Carrell, Schoesler, Swecker, Benton, Stevens, Morton, King, and Zarelli

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1 AN ACT Relating to expenditures for works of art; amending RCW
2 43.17.200; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes one of its
5 foremost duties is the prioritization and wise use of taxpayer funds.
6 The legislature concludes that the placement of art at a correctional
7 facility is not a priority over other state programs such as education
8 and public safety, and further expenditures on such activities
9 constitute a misuse and waste of taxpayer funds. To prevent such
10 misuse of taxpayer dollars, the legislature hereby intends to prohibit
11 the expenditure of public funds on placement of works of art in the
12 special commitment center on McNeil Island, secure community transition
13 facilities and other halfway houses operated by the department of
14 social and health services to house persons subject to the community
15 protection act of 1990, and facilities operated by the department of
16 corrections. Moneys allocated for this purpose shall be redirected to
17 the general fund.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.17.200 and 2005 c 36 s 4 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 All state agencies including all state departments, boards,
4 councils, commissions, and quasi public corporations shall allocate, as
5 a nondeductible item, out of any moneys appropriated for the original
6 construction of any public building, an amount of one-half of one
7 percent of the appropriation to be expended by the Washington state
8 arts commission for the acquisition of works of art; however, no moneys
9 shall be expended on the acquisition or placement of works of art in
10 the special commitment center on McNeil Island, secure community
11 transition facilities and other halfway houses operated by the
12 department of social and health services to house persons subject to
13 the community protection act of 1990, or any facility operated by the
14 department of corrections; moneys allocated for this purpose shall
15 instead be deposited into the general fund. The works of art may be
16 placed on public lands, integral to or attached to a public building or
17 structure, detached within or outside a public building or structure,
18 part of a portable exhibition or collection, part of a temporary
19 exhibition, or loaned or exhibited in other public facilities. In
20 addition to the cost of the works of art, the one-half of one percent
21 of the appropriation as provided herein shall be used to provide for
22 the administration of the visual arts program, including conservation
23 of the state art collection, by the Washington state arts commission
24 and all costs for installation of the works of art. For the purpose of
25 this section building shall not include highway construction sheds,
26 warehouses or other buildings of a temporary nature.

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