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**SENATE BILL 5869**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Becker and Wellman

1 AN ACT Relating to the exhibition of art on the capitol campus;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.46 RCW; and creating a new  
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington  
6 state is home to some of the most unique art and most talented  
7 artists in the world, reflecting the state's supreme natural beauty  
8 and diverse mixture of agricultural, maritime, industrial, and high-  
9 technology influences. Aside from its striking appeal and  
10 originality, the art of Washingtonians is compelling because of its  
11 aesthetic sensibility and extraordinary sense of place.

12 The legislature further finds that the state legislative  
13 buildings, in addition to serving as home for the legislative bodies  
14 of the state of Washington, provide a scenic and impressive space for  
15 celebrating the incredible artistic talents of Washingtonians.  
16 Therefore, the legislature intends to establish a program for the  
17 display of art and exhibits in the legislative buildings of the  
18 capitol campus.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.46  
20 RCW to read as follows:

1           (1) In coordination with the state historical societies, the  
2 state archives, and others, the state arts commission must establish  
3 a program to furnish art, artworks, artifacts, photographs, and  
4 exhibits from the collections housed in the Washington state history  
5 research center and any donations to the state for display in the  
6 legislative buildings of the capitol campus.

7           (2) The commission must work with the state historical societies  
8 to develop a list of art, artworks, artifacts, photographs, and  
9 exhibits eligible for display in the program. The list must take into  
10 account the particular spaces of each legislative building and the  
11 suitability of the work for display in the particular area.

12           (3) Art, artworks, artifacts, photographs, and exhibits must be  
13 rotated on a quarterly basis, with each series connected to a theme  
14 when practicable to do so.

15           (4) For the purposes of this section, "legislative buildings"  
16 means the legislative building, the John A. Cherberg building, the  
17 John L. O'Brien building, the Irving R. Newhouse building, and the  
18 Joel M. Pritchard building, of the capitol campus.

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