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By Representatives Klicker and Rude

1 AN ACT Relating to recognizing the Walla Walla valley historical  
2 society as a trustee of the state; and amending RCW 27.34.020 and  
3 27.34.010.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.34.020 and 2007 c 333 s 5 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
8 this section apply throughout this chapter:

9 (1) "Advisory council" means the advisory council on historic  
10 preservation.

11 (2) "Department" means the department of archaeology and historic  
12 preservation.

13 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of  
14 archaeology and historic preservation.

15 (4) "Federal act" means the national historic preservation act of  
16 1966 (Public Law 89-655; 80 Stat. 915).

17 (5) "Heritage barn" means any large agricultural outbuilding used  
18 to house animals, crops, or farm equipment, that is over fifty years  
19 old and has been determined by the department to: (a) Be eligible for  
20 listing on the Washington heritage register or the national register  
21 of historic places; or (b) have been listed on a local historic

1 register and approved by the advisory council. In addition to barns,  
2 "heritage barn" includes agricultural resources such as milk houses,  
3 sheds, silos, or other outbuildings, that are historically associated  
4 with the working life of the farm or ranch, if these outbuildings are  
5 on the same property as a heritage barn.

6 (6) "Heritage council" means the Washington state heritage  
7 council.

8 (7) "Historic preservation" includes the protection,  
9 rehabilitation, restoration, identification, scientific excavation,  
10 and reconstruction of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and  
11 objects significant in American and Washington state history,  
12 architecture, archaeology, or culture.

13 (8) "Preservation officer" means the state historic preservation  
14 officer as provided for in RCW 43.334.020.

15 (9) "Project" means programs leading to the preservation for  
16 public benefit of historical properties, whether by state and local  
17 governments or other public bodies, or private organizations or  
18 individuals, including the acquisition of title or interests in, and  
19 the development of, any district, site, building, structure, or  
20 object that is significant in American and Washington state history,  
21 architecture, archaeology, or culture, and property used in  
22 connection therewith, or for its development.

23 (10) "State historical agencies" means the state historical  
24 societies and the department.

25 (11) "State historical societies" means the Washington state  
26 historical society (~~and~~), the eastern Washington state historical  
27 society, and the Walla Walla valley historical society.

28 (12) "Cultural resource management plan" means a comprehensive  
29 plan which identifies and organizes information on the state of  
30 Washington's historic, archaeological, and architectural resources  
31 into a set of management criteria, and which is to be used for  
32 producing reliable decisions, recommendations, and advice relative to  
33 the identification, evaluation, and protection of these resources.

34 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.34.010 and 1993 c 101 s 9 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 The legislature finds that those articles and properties which  
37 illustrate the history of the state of Washington should be  
38 maintained and preserved for the use and benefit of the people of the  
39 state. It is the purpose of this chapter to designate the (~~two~~)

1 three state historical societies as trustees of the state for these  
2 purposes, and to establish:

3 (1) A comprehensive and consistent statewide policy pertaining to  
4 archaeology, history, historic preservation, and other historical  
5 matters;

6 (2) Statewide coordination of historical programs; and

7 (3) A coordinated budget for all state historical agencies.

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