

Subject Funding for a Melissa Hortman memorial at the State Office Building

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Summary

This bill appropriates \$800,000 of a 2023 appropriation to implement the updated Capitol Mall Design Framework to design and cast a statue in honor of Melissa Hortman and deceased members of her family. The statue will be incorporated into the design of a memorial garden on the State Office Building site by the Department of Administration. The standards for commemorative artwork on the Capitol grounds do not apply to the activities funded in the bill.

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board must select the artist via a competitive process and consult with the immediate family of Melissa Hortman throughout the selection and design approval process.

Any unspent portion of the money remaining after the casting of the statue is available for additional landscaping elements on the memorial garden site.

The appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.

Effective the day following final enactment.