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House committee schedules Pearson Museum bill Wednesday

Next step would be consideration by full House

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The U.S. House Natural Resources Committee announced that it will advance U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler's proposed legislation on the Pearson Air Museum to markup on Wednesday.

The next step after markup, in which amendments are allowed, would be consideration by the full U.S. House of Representatives.

The markup meeting, 7 a.m. Pacific time, will be streamed live at <http://naturalresources.house.gov/live>.

Herrera Beutler, R-Camas, is seeking via House Resolution 716 to transfer ownership of Pearson Air Museum and the surrounding 7 acres from the Park Service to the city of Vancouver.

In a hearing last week, Congressman Rob Bishop, R-Utah, chairman of the Public Lands and Environmental Regulation Subcommittee, expressed strong support for the legislation.

Herrera Beutler said her goal "is to restore the local partnership and community access" after negotiations broke down among the Park Service, the city of Vancouver and the Fort Vancouver National Trust, which had managed the site for the city since 2005.