

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5212

As Passed House:
April 11, 2013

Title: An act relating to the Washington state horse park authority.

Brief Description: Expanding membership of the Washington state horse park authority.

Sponsors: Senators Holmquist Newbry, Becker and Roach.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs: 3/6/13, 3/19/13 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 4/11/13, 97-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Expands the Horse Park Authority board of directors from seven to 11 members.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives McCoy, Chair; Appleton, Vice Chair; Angel, Ranking Minority Member; Johnson, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Haler, Pike, Ryu, Santos and Sawyer.

Staff: Sean Flynn (786-7124).

Background:

The Washington State Horse Park is a 112 acre site, located in Cle Elum, with equestrian facilities to accommodate horse shows and other events. The Horse Park Authority (Authority) is a nonprofit corporation created by statute to develop, promote, operate, manage, and maintain the horse park.

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The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) appoints the volunteer board of directors (board) for the Authority. The seven-member board is comprised of:

- one member to represent the Commission;
- one member to represent the county where the horse park is located; and
- five board members to represent the geographic and discipline diversity in equestrian interests. At least one of these five members must have business experience related to horse show facilities and operation.

The Commission must solicit recommendations in making appointments to the board from a variety of horse-related organizations in the state.

Summary of Bill:

The Authority board is expanded from seven to 11 members. Nine members must represent the geographic and discipline diversity in equestrian interests. At least three of those nine members must have business experience related to horse show facilities and operation.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This is the same bill that came through the House of Representatives this year and last year. This is a good governance function for the Authority. This bill would give a broader level of support and more people to bring energy to the Authority.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Warnick; and Daniel Farber, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.