
HOUSE BILL 2109

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By Representative Blake

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1 AN ACT Relating to membership of the Chehalis board; and amending
2 RCW 43.21A.731.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.21A.731 and 2017 c 27 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The Chehalis board is created consisting of seven voting
7 members.

8 (2)(a) Four members of the board must be voting members who are
9 appointed through the governor. The governor shall invite the
10 Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the Quinault
11 Indian Nation to each designate a voting member of the board, each of
12 which may also designate a voting alternate member of the board. In
13 addition, the governor shall appoint two members of the board,
14 subject to confirmation by the senate. Three board members must be
15 selected by the Chehalis basin flood authority. No member may have a
16 direct financial interest in the actions of the board. The governor
17 shall appoint one of the flood authority appointees as the chair. The
18 voting members of the board must be appointed for terms of four
19 years, except that one member appointed by the governor and one
20 member appointed by the flood authority initially must be appointed
21 for terms of two years, and one member appointed by the governor and

1 two members appointed by the flood authority must initially be
2 appointed for terms of three years. In making the appointments, each
3 appointing authority shall seek a board membership that collectively
4 provides the expertise necessary to provide strong oversight for
5 implementation of the Chehalis basin strategy, that provides
6 extensive knowledge of local government processes and functions, and
7 that has an understanding of issues relevant to reducing flood
8 damages and restoring aquatic species.

9 (b) In addition to the seven voting members of the board, the
10 following five state officials must serve as ex officio nonvoting
11 members of the board: The director of the department of fish and
12 wildlife, the executive director of the Washington state conservation
13 commission, the secretary of the department of transportation, the
14 director of the department of ecology, and the commissioner of public
15 lands. The state officials serving in an ex officio capacity may
16 designate a representative of their respective agencies to serve on
17 the board in their behalf. These designations must be made in writing
18 and in such a manner as is specified by the board.

19 (3) Staff support to the board must be provided by the
20 department. For administrative purposes, the board is located within
21 the department.

22 (4) Members of the board who do not represent state agencies must
23 be compensated as provided by RCW 43.03.250. Members of the board
24 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided by RCW 43.03.050
25 and 43.03.060.

26 (5) The board is responsible for oversight of a long-term
27 strategy resulting from the department's programmatic environmental
28 impact statement for the Chehalis river basin to reduce flood damages
29 and restore aquatic species habitat.

30 (6) The board is responsible for overseeing the implementation of
31 the strategy and developing biennial and supplemental budget
32 recommendations to the governor.

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