

SB 5254 - H AMD 518

By Representative Haigh

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The legislative youth advisory council is established to
6 examine issues of importance to youth, including but not limited to
7 education, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in
8 state and municipal government, safe environments for youth, substance
9 abuse, emotional and physical health, foster care, poverty,
10 homelessness, and youth access to services on a statewide and municipal
11 basis.

12 (2) The council consists of twenty-two members as provided in this
13 subsection who, at the time of appointment, are aged fourteen to
14 eighteen. The council shall select a chair from among its members.

15 (a) Five members shall be selected by each of the two major
16 caucuses in the senate, appointed by the secretary of the senate.

17 (b) Five members shall be selected by each of the two major
18 caucuses in the house of representatives, appointed by the chief clerk
19 of the house of representatives.

20 (c) The governor shall appoint two members.

21 (3) Except for initial members, members shall serve two-year terms,
22 and if eligible, may be reappointed for subsequent two-year terms.
23 One-half of the initial members shall be appointed to one-year terms,
24 and these appointments shall be made in such a way as to preserve
25 overall representation on the committee.

26 (4) The council shall have the following duties:

27 (a) Advising the legislature on proposed and pending legislation,
28 including state budget expenditures and policy matters relating to
29 youth;

1 (b) Advising the standing committees of the legislature and study
2 commissions, committees, and task forces regarding issues relating to
3 youth;

4 (c) Conducting periodic seminars for its members regarding
5 leadership, government, and the legislature; and

6 (d) Reporting annually by December 1 to the legislature on its
7 activities, including proposed legislation that implements
8 recommendations of the council.

9 (5) In carrying out its duties under subsection (4) of this
10 section, the council may meet at least three times but not more than
11 six times per year, including not more than two public hearings on
12 issues of importance to youth.

13 (6) Members shall be reimbursed as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and
14 43.03.060.

15 (7) The office of superintendent of public instruction shall
16 provide administration, coordination, and facilitation assistance to
17 the council. The senate and house of representatives may provide
18 policy and fiscal briefings and assistance with drafting proposed
19 legislation. The senate and the house of representatives shall each
20 develop internal policies relating to staff assistance provided to the
21 council. Such policies may include applicable internal personnel and
22 practices guidelines, resource use and expense reimbursement
23 guidelines, and applicable ethics mandates. Provision of funds,
24 resources, and staff, as well as the assignment and direction of staff,
25 remains at all times within the sole discretion of the chamber making
26 the provision.

27 (8) The office of superintendent of public instruction, the
28 legislature, any agency of the legislature, and any official or
29 employee of such office or agency are immune from liability for any
30 injury that is incurred by or caused by a member of the youth advisory
31 council and that occurs while the member of the council is performing
32 duties of the council or is otherwise engaged in activities or
33 receiving services for which reimbursement is allowed under subsection
34 (6) of this section. The immunity provided by this subsection does not
35 apply to an injury intentionally caused by the act or omission of an
36 employee or official of the superintendent of public instruction or the
37 legislature or any agency of the legislature.

38 (9) This section expires June 30, 2007."

1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: The amendment establishes a minimum age of fourteen for appointment to the Council and clarifies that youth appointed to the Council must be between the ages of fourteen to eighteen at the time of appointment. The report date is changed from February 15th to December 1st. The amendment clarifies that the Council may meet a maximum of six times per year for all activities including public hearings, meetings, and seminars.

The amendment requires the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to provide administration, coordination, and facilitation assistance to the Council. The Senate and House of Representatives are authorized to provide policy and fiscal briefings and assistance with drafting proposed legislation. The OSPI and the Legislature are granted immunity from liability for injury incurred or caused by a member of the Council while involved in activities of the Council.

The act is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2007.

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