

SHB 1084 - H AMD 39

By Representative Taylor

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

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4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The board on geographic names is created. The board is
7 composed of:

8 (a) The state librarian or the librarian's designee;

9 (b) The commissioner of public lands or the commissioner's
10 designee;

11 (c) The director of the department of archaeology and historic
12 preservation or the director's designee; and

13 (d) Four members from the general public to be appointed by the
14 legislature, one member each by each caucus of the senate and one
15 member each by each caucus of the house of representatives.

16 The commissioner of public lands or his or her designee shall be
17 chairperson of the board.

18 (2) The initial members appointed under subsection (1) (d) of this
19 section shall be appointed as follows: One member for a one-year
20 term, one member for a two-year term, one member for a three-year
21 term, and one member for a four-year term. The initial terms of the
22 members shall be selected by lot. Thereafter, each member shall be
23 appointed for a three-year term. Each member shall continue in office
24 until a successor is appointed.

25 (3) The board on geographic names has the power and authority to:

26 (a) Establish the official names for the lakes, mountains,
27 streams, places, towns, and other geographic features within the state

1 and the spellings thereof except when a name is specified by law. For
2 the purposes of this subsection, geographic features do not include
3 human-made features or administrative areas such as parks, game
4 reserves, and dams, but does include human-made lakes;

5 (b) Assign names to lakes, mountains, streams, places, towns, and
6 other geographic features in the state for which no generally accepted
7 name has been in use;

8 (c) Cooperate with county commissions, state departments,
9 agencies, the state legislature, and the United States board on
10 geographic names to establish, change, or determine the appropriate
11 names of lakes, mountains, streams, places, towns, and other
12 geographic features for the purposes of eliminating, as far as
13 possible, duplications of place names within the state;

14 (d) Serve as a state of Washington liaison with the United States
15 board on geographic names; and

16 (e) Periodically issue a list of names approved by the board on
17 geographic names.

18 (4) The department of natural resources shall provide secretarial
19 and administrative services for the board on geographic names and
20 shall serve as custodian of the records.

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22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30 RCW
23 to read as follows: The board on geographic names is authorized to
24 establish policies to carry out the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of
25 this act.

26 (1) In determining the names and spellings of geographic place
27 names within the state of Washington, the board on geographic name's
28 decisions may only be made after a careful consideration of all
29 available information relating to such names, including the
30 recommendations of the United States board on geographic names.

31 (2) The board on geographic names shall cooperate with the United
32 States board on geographic names.

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1 (3) Adoption of names by the board on geographic names may take
2 place only after consideration, including public testimony, at a
3 previous meeting.

4 (4) All board on geographic name's determinations must be filed
5 with the code reviser and must be compiled and indexed in the same
6 manner as agency rules under RCW 34.05.210. Determinations by the
7 board on geographic names are not considered a rule under RCW
8 34.05.210.

9 (5) Whenever the board on geographic names has given a name to any
10 lake, stream, place, or other geographic feature within the state, the
11 name must be used in all maps, records, documents, and other
12 publications issued by the state or any of its departments and
13 political subdivisions, and that name is the official name of the
14 geographic feature."

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16 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Removes the Board on Geographic Names as a constituted
board under the Board of Natural Resources and makes it a standalone
board. Changes membership on the Board on Geographic Names.

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