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HOUSE BILL 2218

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By Representatives Ryu, Smith, and Hayes

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Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs.

1            AN ACT Relating to community economic revitalization board  
2 membership; and amending RCW 43.160.030 and 43.160.035.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.160.030 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 21 s 25 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6            (1) The community economic revitalization board is hereby created  
7 to exercise the powers granted under this chapter.

8            (2) The board shall consist of one member from each of the two  
9 major caucuses of the house of representatives to be appointed by the  
10 speaker of the house of representatives and one member from each of  
11 the two major caucuses of the senate to be appointed by the president  
12 of the senate. The speaker of the house of representatives and  
13 president of the senate must also appoint an alternate member for  
14 each appointed legislative member, one alternate from each of the two  
15 major caucuses of the house of representatives and senate, to take  
16 the place of the board member upon the member's absence. Appointed  
17 alternate members must belong to the same caucus as the member they  
18 are serving as an alternate for. The appointed alternate members,  
19 when serving in their alternate capacity, have all powers to vote and  
20 participate in board deliberations as have the other board members.  
21 The board shall also consist of the following members appointed by

1 the director of commerce: A recognized private or public sector  
2 economist; one port district official; one county official; one city  
3 official; one representative of a federally recognized Indian tribe;  
4 one representative of the public; one representative of small  
5 businesses each from: (a) The area west of Puget Sound, (b) the area  
6 east of Puget Sound and west of the Cascade range, (c) the area east  
7 of the Cascade range and west of the Columbia river, and (d) the area  
8 east of the Columbia river; one executive from large businesses each  
9 from the area west of the Cascades and the area east of the Cascades.  
10 The appointive members shall initially be appointed to terms as  
11 follows: Three members for one-year terms, three members for two-year  
12 terms, and three members for three-year terms which shall include the  
13 chair. Thereafter each succeeding term shall be for three years. The  
14 chair of the board shall be selected by the director of commerce. The  
15 members of the board shall elect one of their members to serve as  
16 vice-chair. The director of commerce, the director of revenue, the  
17 commissioner of employment security, and the secretary of  
18 transportation shall serve as nonvoting advisory members of the  
19 board.

20 (3) Management services, including fiscal and contract services,  
21 shall be provided by the department to assist the board in  
22 implementing this chapter.

23 (4) Members of the board shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
24 as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

25 (5) If a vacancy occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise of  
26 appointive members of the board, the director of commerce shall fill  
27 the same for the unexpired term. Members of the board may be removed  
28 for malfeasance or misfeasance in office, upon specific written  
29 charges by the director of commerce, under chapter 34.05 RCW.

30 (6) A member appointed by the director of commerce may not be  
31 absent from more than fifty percent of the regularly scheduled  
32 meetings in any one calendar year. Any member who exceeds this  
33 absence limitation is deemed to have withdrawn from the office and  
34 may be replaced by the director of commerce.

35 (7) A majority of members currently appointed constitutes a  
36 quorum. Alternate members appointed by the speaker of the house of  
37 representatives or president of the senate are included in a count  
38 for a quorum only when serving in their alternate capacity as  
39 referenced in subsection (2) of this section.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.160.035 and 2003 c 151 s 2 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       ~~((Each member of the house of representatives who is appointed to  
4 the community economic revitalization board under RCW 43.160.030 may  
5 designate another member from the house of representatives to take  
6 his or her place on the board for meetings at which the member will  
7 be absent, as long as the designated member belongs to the same  
8 caucus. The designee shall have all powers to vote and participate in  
9 board deliberations as have the other board members. Each member of  
10 the senate who is appointed to the community economic revitalization  
11 board under RCW 43.160.030 may designate another member from the  
12 senate to take his or her place on the board for meetings at which  
13 the member will be absent, as long as the designated member belongs  
14 to the same caucus. The designee shall have all powers to vote and  
15 participate in board deliberations as have the other board members.))~~  
16 Each agency head of an executive agency who is appointed to serve as  
17 a nonvoting advisory member of the community economic revitalization  
18 board under RCW 43.160.030 may designate an agency employee to take  
19 his or her place on the board for meetings at which the agency head  
20 will be absent. The designee will have all powers to participate in  
21 board deliberations as have the other board members but shall not  
22 have voting powers.

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