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Brief Description: Providing requirements for the composition of institutional review boards.

**SB 6147 - DIGEST**

Requires that any institutional review board operating in the state of Washington shall: (1) Have more than one nonscientific member on the board. More than one nonscientific member must participate in any portion of a board meeting where research plans or protocols are reviewed;

(2) Have more than one noninstitutional board member. The same person cannot represent both a nonscientific and a noninstitutional board member. More than one noninstitutional board member must participate in any portion of a board meeting where research plans or protocols are reviewed;

(3) Have scientists comprise at least one-third, but no more than two-thirds of the board membership; and

(4) Invalidate the vote of any board member with a property or fiscal interest in the research being reviewed. No board member shall vote on research in which he or she has a property or fiscal interest.