

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5759

As Passed Senate, March 8, 2007

Title: An act relating to executive state officers.

Brief Description: Including the boards of trustees of technical colleges in the definition of "executive state officer."

Sponsors: Senators Schoesler, Delvin and Shin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Higher Education: 2/14/07 [DP].

Passed Senate: 3/08/07, 41-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Kilmer, Vice Chair; Delvin, Ranking Minority Member; Berkey, Schoesler and Sheldon.

Staff: Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

Background: Each year, every executive state officer must file a statement of financial affairs for the preceding calendar year. Among others, the members of the boards of trustees of each four-year public institution of higher education and members of the boards of trustees for each public community college are defined as executive officers.

Summary of Bill: The boards of trustees for each public technical college are added to the list of executive state officers. These trustees must file yearly statements of financial affairs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This is a good change in the name of openness and good government. This provision provides that all gubernatorial appointees for boards at institutions of higher education are treated the same.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Schoesler, prime sponsor; Chris Reykdal, State Board of Community and Technical Colleges.

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