

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1150

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### FULL VETO

Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Clarifying procedures for appointment to the Chehalis board created by chapter 194, Laws of 2016.

**Sponsors:** Representatives DeBolt and Blake; by request of Department of Ecology.

**House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources**  
**Senate Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications**

#### **Background:**

The Chehalis Board (Board) is responsible for the oversight of a long-term strategy to reduce flood damages and restore aquatic species habitat in the Chehalis Basin. The strategy must include a detailed set of actions, an implementation schedule, and quantified measures to evaluate success.

The Board consists of seven voting members. Four voting members are appointed by the Governor and are subject to Senate confirmation, including one member each from the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the Quinault Indian Nation. Three members are appointed by the Chehalis Basin Flood Authority (Flood Authority). The Governor must seek board appointees that provide expertise necessary to provide oversight of the Chehalis Basin strategy. The Governor must appoint one of the Flood Authority appointees to serve as chair.

The following officials serve as ex officio members of the Board:

- the Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife;
- the Executive Director of the Conservation Commission;
- the Secretary of the Department of Transportation;
- the Director of the Department of Ecology; and
- the Commissioner of Public Lands.

Each voting member of the Board is appointed for a four-year term, except that two members must initially be appointed for two years, and three members must initially be appointed for three years.

#### **Summary:**

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The Governor must invite the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the Quinault Indian Nation to each designate one voting member of the Board, not subject to Senate confirmation, to serve a four-year term.

Initially, the following members must be appointed for a two-year term:

- one member appointed by the Governor; and
- one member appointed by the Flood Authority.

Initially, the following members must be appointed for a three-year term:

- one member appointed by the Governor; and
- two members appointed by the Flood Authority.

Each member appointed thereafter must be appointed for a four-year term.

The requirement to seek members who possess applicable knowledge and expertise to provide oversight of the Chehalis Basin strategy applies to all appointing authorities, instead of only the Governor. Members of the Board may not have a financial interest in the actions of the Board, but may have a regulatory interest.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	96	1	
Senate	46	0	(Senate amended)
House	93	3	(House concurred)