

SSB 6355 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-3830.1/26) 2640

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1 On page 2, beginning on line 28 of the striking amendment, after
2 "Board of" strike all material through "directors" on line 29 and
3 insert "commissioners" means the authority's board of commissioners"

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5 On page 3, line 24 of the striking amendment, after "of" strike
6 "directors" and insert "commissioners"

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8 On page 3, beginning on line 26 of the striking amendment, after
9 "of" strike all material through "43.03.060" on page 4, line 35 and
10 insert "commissioners is hereby created and must be appointed by the
11 governor by January 1, 2027 and confirmed by the senate. The board of
12 commissioners must hire an executive director by June 30, 2027.

13 (2)(a) The board of commissioners shall be comprised of three
14 members. Not more two members of the board of commissioners may belong
15 to the same political party.

16 (b) Each member of the board of commissioners holds office for a
17 term of four years, except that the governor must stagger the terms of
18 the initial appointees for terms of two, three, and four years.
19 Members of the board of commissioners may be reappointed by the
20 governor but must be reconfirmed by the senate. The governor must
21 designate one of the members of the board of commissioners to be the
22 chair of the board of commissioners during the term of the governor.

23 (c) Each member of the board of commissioners shall receive a
24 salary set by the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040.

25 (d) The governor may remove a member of the board of commissioners
26 for inefficiency, malfeasance, or misfeasance in office. To ensure
27 independence, members of the board of commissioners may only be

1 removed for good cause. To remove a member of the board of
2 commissioners, the governor must file written charges with the chief
3 justice of the supreme court, and transmit the charges to the member
4 accused. The chief justice shall designate a special tribunal composed
5 of three judges of the superior court to hear and adjudicate the
6 charges. Such a tribunal must fix the time, place, and procedure for
7 the hearing, and the hearing shall be public. The decision of the
8 tribunal is final and not subject to review. If the tribunal finds the
9 charges of the governor to be supported by a preponderance of the
10 evidence, the governor has the right to immediately remove the member
11 of the board of commissioners from office, to declare the position
12 vacant, and appoint another person to be a member of the board of
13 commissioners consistent with the requirements of this section.

14 (e) The governor must, by appointment, fill any vacancy arising in
15 the board of commissioners. Except for a person appointed as a pro
16 tempore member of the board of commissioners, an appointee selected to
17 fill a vacancy holds office for the balance of the full term for which
18 the person's predecessor was appointed. If a vacancy occurs while the
19 senate is not in session, the governor must make a temporary
20 appointment until the next meeting of the senate, when the governor
21 must present a nomination to the senate for the office to be filled.

22 (3) Decisions of the board of commissioners require a simple
23 majority vote of the members of the board.

24 (4) The board of commissioners may delegate to the executive
25 director such powers and duties of the board of commissioners as they
26 may deem proper, except for the powers and duties specified in
27 subsections (1), (3), and (14) of section 6 of this act.

28 (5) The board must meet at least quarterly.

29 (6) The department must provide administrative and staff support
30 to the board until an executive director is hired"

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32 On page 6, line 7 of the striking amendment, after "of" strike
33 "directors" and insert "commissioners"

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1 On page 7, line 19 of the striking amendment, after "law," insert
2 "the board of commissioners of"

EFFECT: Changes the composition of board created to provide oversight and to advise the Transmission Authority from a 10-person governor-appointed, uncompensated board of directors to a 3-person governor-appointed, senate-confirmed, salaried board of commissioners. Specifies that the powers and duties assigned to the Transmission Authority, such as adopting rules, exercising the power of eminent domain, and entering into contracts, reside with the 3-person board of commissioners of the Transmission Authority, rather than with the Transmission Authority itself. Authorizes the board of commissioners to delegate its powers and duties to the executive director of the Transmission Authority, except for the authority to adopt rules, exercise the power of eminent domain, and adopt criteria for local investment commitment fees. Requires the membership of the board of commissioners to include not more than two members that belong to the same political party. Specifies that members of the board of commissioners serve 4-year terms, and establishes procedures for the appointment and removal of members and the filling of vacancies.

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