

---

SENATE BILL 5888

---

State of Washington

69th Legislature

2026 Regular Session

By Senators Wellman, Valdez, Frame, Krishnadasan, Nobles, Saldaña, and C. Wilson

Prefiled 12/15/25. Read first time 01/12/26. Referred to Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections.

1 AN ACT Relating to removing the requirement that women's  
2 commission members be subject to senate confirmation; and amending  
3 RCW 43.119.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.119.020 and 2018 c 98 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The Washington state women's commission shall consist of nine  
8 members appointed by the governor (~~with the advice and consent of~~  
9 ~~the senate~~)).

10 (2) The governor shall consider (~~nominations for~~) membership  
11 appointments based upon maintaining a balanced and diverse  
12 distribution of ethnic, geographic, gender, sexual orientation, age,  
13 socioeconomic status, and occupational representation, where  
14 practicable.

15 (3) All commission members shall serve at the pleasure of the  
16 governor, but in no case may any member serve more than three years  
17 without formal reappointment by the governor. All legislative  
18 advisory members shall serve for a two-year term and the position of  
19 any legislative advisory member shall be deemed vacated whenever such  
20 member ceases to be a member of the house from which the member was  
21 appointed. Of the persons initially appointed by the governor to the

1 commission, three shall be appointed to serve one year, three to  
2 serve two years, and three to serve three years. Upon expiration of  
3 such terms, subsequent appointments shall be for three years. Any  
4 vacancies occurring in the membership of the commission shall be  
5 filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as  
6 the original appointments.

7 (4) Two members of the senate, one from each of the two major  
8 political parties, appointed by the president of the senate, and two  
9 members of the house of representatives, one from each of the two  
10 major political parties, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
11 representatives, shall serve as advisory members.

12 (5)(a) Nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed for expenses  
13 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with RCW  
14 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

15 (b) Legislative members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred  
16 in the performance of their duties in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

17 (6) A simple majority of the commission's membership constitutes  
18 a quorum for the purpose of conducting business.

--- END ---