

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5370**

69th Legislature  
2025 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate April 21, 2025  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 16, 2025  
Yeas 88 Nays 9

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5370** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Harris, Chapman, Krishnadasan, Lovelett, and Nobles)

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1 AN ACT Relating to lengthening port commissioner terms; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 53.12 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 53.12  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) A ballot proposition to lengthen the terms of office of port  
7 commissioners from four years to six years must be submitted to the  
8 voters of any port district upon either resolution of the port  
9 commissioners or petition of voters of the port district proposing  
10 the increase in terms of office, which petition has been signed by  
11 voters of the port district equal in number to at least 10 percent of  
12 the number of voters in the port district voting at the last general  
13 election.

14 (2) The petition must be submitted to the county auditor. If the  
15 petition was signed by sufficient valid signatures, the ballot  
16 proposition must be submitted at the next general election that  
17 occurs 60 or more days after the adoption of the resolution or  
18 submission of the petition.

19 (3) If the ballot proposition lengthening the terms of office of  
20 port commissioners is approved by a simple majority vote of the  
21 voters voting on the proposition, the commissioner elected at that

1 election is elected to a six-year term of office. The terms of office  
2 of the other commissioners are not lengthened.

3 (4) If two commissioners are elected in that election or the next  
4 subsequent general election, the commissioner thus elected receiving  
5 the highest number of votes is elected to a six-year term of office  
6 and the other commissioner is elected to a four-year term of office.  
7 Each successor commissioner is elected to six-year terms.

8 (5) This section does not apply to a port district that is  
9 required to maintain four-year terms under RCW 53.12.172 or to a port  
10 district that has five port commissioners.

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