

WAC 133-10-010 Organization and operation of the community economic revitalization board. (1) The community economic revitalization board, hereinafter referred to as the board, is a nineteen member board created pursuant to section 3, chapter 40, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. and RCW 43.160.030.

(2) The board consists of eleven persons appointed by the governor, as well as the director of community, trade, and economic development, the director of revenue, the commissioner of employment security, the secretary of transportation and the chair and one minority member of the committee on trade and economic development of the house of representatives and the committee on commerce and trade of the senate, or the equivalent standing committees. The state agency heads shall serve as nonvoting advisory members of the board. The appointive members are as follows: A recognized private or public sector economist; one port district official; one county official; one city official; one representative of small businesses each from: (a) The area west of Puget Sound or the Interstate 5 corridor, (b) the area east of the Cascade range and west of the Columbia River; and (c) the area east of the Columbia River; one executive from large businesses each from the area west of the Cascades and the area east of the Cascades. The appointive members are initially appointed to terms as follows: Three members for one-year terms, three members for two-year terms, and three members for three-year terms, which includes the chair. Thereafter each succeeding term shall be for three years.

(3) The chair of the board shall be appointed by the governor. The board may elect such other officers for such terms as it may from time to time deem necessary, in accordance with the board's bylaws.

(4) The board's staff support and office space is provided by the department of community, trade, and economic development, P.O. Box 48300, Olympia, Washington 98504-8300; phone (360) 753-2200.

(5) The overall purpose of the board is to aid the development of economic opportunities in the state of Washington. The board's general objectives include: (a) Strengthening the economies of areas of the state which have experienced or are expected to experience chronically high unemployment rates or below average growth in their economies; (b) encouraging the diversification of the economies of the state and regions within the state in order to provide greater seasonal and cyclical stability of income and employment; and (c) providing incentives for expansion of employment opportunities for groups of state residents that have been less successful relative to other groups in efforts to gain permanent employment.

(6) In order to carry out its objectives, the board is authorized to make direct loans to political subdivisions of the state for the purposes of assisting the political subdivisions in financing the cost of public facilities, including the development of land and improvements for public facilities, as well as the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, alteration, expansion, or improvement of the facilities. Grants may also be authorized for such purposes, but only when grants are uniquely required. Additional powers and duties of the board are as set forth in chapter 40, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. and chapter 43.160 RCW, and in particular section 5 thereof, and RCW 43.160.050.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 43.160 RCW. WSR 95-24-089, § 133-10-010, filed 12/5/95, effective 1/5/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.116.050(8) [43.160.050(8)]. WSR 83-10-041 (Order 83-1), § 133-10-010, filed 5/2/83.]