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**Community Development, Housing &  
Tribal Affairs Committee**

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**SB 5212**

**Brief Description:** Expanding membership of the Washington state horse park authority.

**Sponsors:** Senators Holmquist Newbry, Becker and Roach.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Expands the Horse Park Authority board of directors from seven to 11 members.

**Hearing Date:** 3/6/13

**Staff:** Sean Flynn (786-7124).

**Background:**

The Washington State Horse Park is a 112 acre site, located in Cle Elum, with equestrian facilities to accommodate horse shows and other events. The Horse Park Authority is a non-profit corporation created by statute to develop, promote, operate, manage, and maintain the Horse Park.

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) appoints the volunteer board of directors for the Horse Park Authority. The seven-member board is comprised of:

- one member to represent the commission;
- one member to represent the county where the horse park is located; and
- five board members to represent the geographic and discipline diversity in equestrian interests. At least one of these five members must have business experience related to horse show facilities and operation.

The Commission must solicit recommendations in making appointments to the board of directors from a variety of horse-related organizations in the state.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The Horse Park Authority board of directors is expanded from seven to 11 members. Nine members must represent the geographic and discipline diversity in equestrian interests. At least three of those nine members must have business experience related to horse show facilities and operation.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.