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SENATE BILL 5517

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By Senators Wood, Kohl, Bauer, Patterson, Winsley, Brown, Goings, Fraser, Loveland, Benton, Sellar, Franklin and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to the membership of the governing boards of the  
2 state's institutions of higher education; and amending RCW 28B.20.100,  
3 28B.30.100, 28B.35.100, and 28B.40.100.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.20.100 and 1985 c 61 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The governance of the University of Washington shall be vested  
8 in a board of regents to consist of ((nine)) ten members, one of whom  
9 shall be a student. They shall be appointed by the governor with the  
10 consent of the senate, and, except for the student member, shall hold  
11 their offices for a term of six years from the first day of October and  
12 until their successors shall be appointed and qualified. ((Five)) The  
13 student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year from  
14 the first day of October until his or her successor is appointed and  
15 qualified. The student member shall be a full-time student in good  
16 standing at the university at the time of appointment.

17 (2) Six members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the  
18 transaction of business. In the case of a vacancy, or when an  
19 appointment is made after the date of the expiration of a term, the

1 governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the  
2 regent whose office has become vacant or expired.

3 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the  
4 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of  
5 September in any one year.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.30.100 and 1985 c 61 s 2 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 (1) The governance of Washington State University shall be vested  
9 in a board of regents to consist of ~~((nine))~~ ten members one of whom  
10 shall be a student. They shall be appointed by the governor, by and  
11 with the consent of the senate and, except for the student member,  
12 shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first day of  
13 October and until their successors are appointed and qualified.  
14 ~~((Five))~~ The student member shall hold his or her office for a term of  
15 one year from the first day of October until his or her successor is  
16 appointed and qualified. The student member shall be a full-time  
17 student in good standing at the university at the time of appointment.

18 (2) Six members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the  
19 transaction of business. In the case of a vacancy or when an  
20 appointment is made after the date of the expiration of a term, the  
21 governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the  
22 regent whose office has become vacant or expired.

23 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the  
24 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of  
25 September in any one year.

26 (4) Each regent shall, before entering upon the discharge of his  
27 respective duties as such, execute a good and sufficient bond to the  
28 state of Washington, with two or more sufficient sureties, residents of  
29 the state, or with a surety company licensed to do business within the  
30 state, in the penal sum of not less than five thousand dollars,  
31 conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such regent:  
32 PROVIDED, That the university shall pay any fees incurred for any such  
33 bonds for their board members.

34 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.35.100 and 1985 c 137 s 1 are each amended to read  
35 as follows:

36 (1) The governance of each of the regional universities shall be  
37 vested in a board of trustees consisting of ~~((seven))~~ eight members,

1 one of whom shall be a student. They shall be appointed by the  
2 governor with the consent of the senate and, except for the student  
3 member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first  
4 day of October and until their successors are appointed and qualified.  
5 The student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year  
6 from the first day of October and until his or her successor is  
7 appointed and qualified. The student member shall be a full-time  
8 student in good standing at the respective university at the time of  
9 appointment.

10 (2) Five members of the board constitute a quorum for the  
11 transaction of business. In case of a vacancy, or when an appointment  
12 is made after the date of expiration of the term, the governor shall  
13 fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the trustee whose  
14 office has become vacant or expired.

15 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the  
16 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of  
17 September in any one year.

18 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.40.100 and 1985 c 137 s 2 are each amended to read  
19 as follows:

20 (1) The governance of The Evergreen State College shall be vested  
21 in a board of trustees consisting of ((seven)) eight members, one of  
22 whom shall be a student. They shall be appointed by the governor with  
23 the consent of the senate and, except for the student member, shall  
24 hold their offices for a term of six years from the first day of  
25 October and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The  
26 student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year from  
27 the first day of October and until his or her successor is appointed  
28 and qualified. The student member shall be a full-time student in good  
29 standing at the respective university at the time of appointment.

30 (2) Five members of the board constitute a quorum for the  
31 transaction of business. In case of a vacancy, or when an appointment  
32 is made after the date of expiration of the term, the governor shall  
33 fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the trustee whose  
34 office has become vacant or expired.

1        (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the  
2 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of  
3 September in any one year.

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