

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## ESB 5044

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**As Reported By House Committee On:**  
Agriculture & Ecology

**Title:** An act relating to air pollution control authority boards of directors.

**Brief Description:** Changing the membership of air pollution control authority boards of directors.

**Sponsors:** Senator Brown.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Agriculture & Ecology: 3/30/99, 4/2/99 [DPA].

**Brief Summary of Engrossed Bill**  
**(As Amended by House Committee)**

- Changing the membership of air pollution control authority boards of directors.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ECOLOGY

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended. Signed by 14 members: Representatives G. Chandler, Republican Co-Chair; Linville, Democratic Co-Chair; Cooper, Democratic Vice Chair; Koster, Republican Vice Chair; Anderson; B. Chandler; Delvin; Fortunato; Grant; Reardon; Schoesler; Stensen; Sump and Wood.

**Staff:** Carole Richmond (786-7114).

**Background:**

The governing body of a local air authority is composed of members that are selected by locally elected officials. A "city selection committee," that includes the mayor of each incorporated city or town within the county, is used to appoint city representatives.

For a single-county authority two members are appointed by a city selection committee, one of which must represent the city with the largest population within the county. Two

additional members are appointed by the board of county commissioners. A fifth member is selected by the other appointees. Multiple-county air pollution control authorities have a slightly different process for appointing their members.

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**Summary of Amended Bill:**

The process for selecting members for a single-county air pollution control authority in a county east of the Cascades with a population greater than 350,000 is modified. Appointments are made as follows: the legislative authority of the most populous city in the county appoints a member to represent the city; the city selection committee appoints two members, each of whom must be a resident of any city in the county other than the most populous city in the county; and the legislative authority of the county appoints two members, at least one of whom must be a resident of an unincorporated, rural area of the county.

**Amended Bill Compared to Engrossed Bill:** Reinstates the second member appointed by the city selection committee and requires that one of the representatives of the county be a resident of an unincorporated, rural area of the county.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date of Amended Bill:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This bill addresses problems in representation.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Senator Brown, prime sponsor; and Bob Mack, city of Spokane.