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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6270**

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**By** Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe and Carlson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to student membership on governing boards of  
2 institutions of higher education; amending RCW 28B.20.100, 28B.30.100,  
3 28B.35.100, and 28B.40.100; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.20.100 and 1998 c 95 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 ten members, one of whom shall be  
9 a student. The governor shall select the student member from a list of  
10 candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by the  
11 governing body of the associated students. They shall be appointed by  
12 the governor with the consent of the senate, and, except for the  
13 student member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from  
14 the first day of October and until their successors shall be appointed  
15 and qualified. The student member shall hold his or her office for a  
16 term of ~~((one))~~ up to two years from the first day of June until his or  
17 her successor is appointed and qualified. The board of regents shall  
18 determine the length of the student term. The student member shall be

1 a full-time student in good standing at the university at the time of  
2 appointment.

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

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

11 (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or  
12 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,  
13 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.30.100 and 1998 c 95 s 2 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 (1) The governance of Washington State University shall be vested  
17 in a board of regents to consist of ten members one of whom shall be a  
18 student. The governor shall select the student member from a list of  
19 candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by the  
20 governing body of the associated students. They shall be appointed by  
21 the governor, by and with the consent of the senate and, except for the  
22 student member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from  
23 the first day of October and until their successors are appointed and  
24 qualified. The student member shall hold his or her office for a term  
25 of ~~((one))~~ up to two years from the first day of June until his or her  
26 successor is appointed and qualified. The board of regents shall  
27 determine the length of the student term. The student member shall be  
28 a full-time student in good standing at the university at the time of  
29 appointment.

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

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

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

9 (5) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or  
10 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,  
11 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.35.100 and 1998 c 95 s 3 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 (1) The governance of each of the regional universities shall be  
15 vested in a board of trustees consisting of eight members, one of whom  
16 shall be a student. The governor shall select the student member from  
17 a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than five,  
18 submitted by the governing body of the associated students. They shall  
19 be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate and, except  
20 for the student member, shall hold their offices for a term of six  
21 years from the first day of October and until their successors are  
22 appointed and qualified. The student member shall hold his or her  
23 office for a term of ~~((one))~~ up to two years from the first day of June  
24 and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The board  
25 of trustees shall determine the length of the student term. The  
26 student member shall be a full-time student in good standing at the  
27 respective university at the time of appointment.

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

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

36 (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or  
37 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,  
38 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

1       **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.40.100 and 1998 c 95 s 4 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) The governance of The Evergreen State College shall be vested  
4 in a board of trustees consisting of eight members, one of whom shall  
5 be a student. The governor shall select the student member from a list  
6 of candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by  
7 the student body. They shall be appointed by the governor with the  
8 consent of the senate and, except for the student member, shall hold  
9 their offices for a term of six years from the first day of October and  
10 until their successors are appointed and qualified. The student member  
11 shall hold his or her office for a term of ~~((one))~~ up to two years from  
12 the first day of June and until his or her successor is appointed and  
13 qualified. The board of trustees shall determine the length of the  
14 student term. The student member shall be a full-time student in good  
15 standing at the college at the time of appointment.

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

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

24       (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or  
25 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,  
26 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

27       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
30 immediately.

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