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    By Senator Swecker

1   Beginning on page 1, line 20 of the amendment, strike all of
2   section 2 and insert the following:

3   "**Sec. 2.** RCW 89.08.030 and 1987 c 180 s 1 are each amended to read
4   as follows:
5   (1) There is hereby established to serve as an agency of the state
6   ((and)) the state conservation commission. The commission is
7   authorized to perform the functions conferred upon it by law((,)). The
8   ((state conservation)) commission((, which)) shall succeed to all
9   powers, duties, and property of the state soil and water conservation
10   committee.
11   (2) The commission shall consist of ((ten)) twelve members((,)):
12   (a) Five of ((whom)) the members are the ex officio members
13   specified in subsection (5) of this section.
14   (b) Two members shall be appointed by the governor((,)). At least
15   one of ((whom)) the appointed members shall be a landowner or operator
16   of a farm. The appointed members shall serve for a term of four years.
17   (c) Three members shall be elected as provided in subsection (3) of
18   this section. At least two of the three elected members shall be
19   landowners or operators of a farm ((and shall be elected as herein
20   provided. The appointed members shall serve for a term of four
21   years)).
22   (d) One member shall be appointed by a statewide livestock trade
23   organization, such as cattle, dairy, or poultry, and confirmed by the
24   conservation district supervisors at their annual statewide meeting.
25   This member shall serve for a term of four years.
26   (e) One member shall be a crop producer appointed by a statewide
27   organization representing the interests of a wide range of farming
28   operations and confirmed by the conservation district supervisors at
29   their annual statewide meeting. This member shall serve for a term of
30   four years.

1   (3) The three elected members identified in subsection (2)(c) of
2   this section shall be elected for three-year terms, with one ((shall
3   be)) elected each year by the district supervisors at their annual
4   statewide meeting. One of the members shall reside in eastern
5   Washington, one in central Washington and one in western Washington,
6   with the specific boundaries to be determined by district supervisors.
7   ((At the first such election, the term of the member from western
8   Washington shall be one year, central Washington two years and eastern
9   Washington three years, and successors shall be elected for three
10   years.))

11   (4) Unexpired term vacancies in the office of appointed commission
12   members shall be filled by appointment by the governor in the same
13   manner as full-term appointments. Unexpired terms of elected
14   commission members shall be filled by the regional vice president of
15   the Washington association of conservation districts who is serving
16   that part of the state where the vacancy occurs, ((such)) for a term to
17   continue only until district supervisors can fill the unexpired term by
18   electing the commission member.

19   (5) The director of the department of ecology, the director of the
20   department of agriculture, the commissioner of public lands, the
21   president of the Washington association of conservation districts, and
22   the dean of the college of agriculture at Washington State University
23   shall be ex officio members of the commission. An ex officio member of
24   the commission shall hold office so long as he or she retains the
25   office by virtue of which he or she is a member of the commission. Ex
26   officio members may delegate their authority.

27   (6) The commission may invite appropriate officers of cooperating
28   organizations((,)) and state and federal agencies to serve as advisers
29   to the conservation commission."

     EFFECT: Adds two members to the Conservation Commission - one
appointed by a statewide livestock trade organization and one who is a
crop producer appointed by a statewide agricultural organization.
Requires confirmation of these members by the conservation district

supervisors at their annual meeting. Specifies these members serve for four-year terms. Includes some technical revisions.

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