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By Senator Benton

1 On page 1, after line 2 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The framers of Washington state's
3 Constitution intended to preserve balance between the three branches of
4 state government by establishing a system of checks and balances, much
5 as the founders of the United States had with the federal government.
6 That the judicial, executive, and legislative branches operate
7 independently, but within a system that ensures the people are not
8 oppressed by any one individual branch of government, is fundamental to
9 our republic. One important aspect of this system is senate
10 confirmation of the executive branches appointments. The legislature
11 finds that Article XIII, section 1 of the Washington state Constitution
12 requires that the governor's appointments to boards, commissions, and
13 public institutions be made with the advice and consent of the senate.
14 The legislature further finds that senate confirmation of executive
15 appointments has been applied inconsistently within the laws adopted by
16 the legislature and often has not used the language of the Washington
17 state Constitution regarding senate confirmation of appointments. The
18 legislature intends to make consistent with constitutional language
19 those appointments whose terms exceed four years. As a means of
20 emphasizing the importance of senate confirmation in the checks and
21 balances system, the legislature further intends to prohibit executive
22 appointments from serving more than two years without senate
23 confirmation."

24 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
25 internal references accordingly.

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1 On page 55, line 3 of the title amendment, after "RCW 28B.80.390;"
2 insert "creating a new section;"

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