

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 5759

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**As Passed House:**

March 30, 2007

**Title:** An act relating to executive state officers.

**Brief Description:** Including the boards of trustees of technical colleges in the definition of "executive state officer."

**Sponsors:** By Senators Schoesler, Delvin and Shin.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

State Government & Tribal Affairs: 3/20/07, 3/21/07 [DP].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 3/30/07, 93-1.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Includes the board of trustees of each technical college to the definition of "executive state officer" for purposes of RCW 42.17.240.
- Removes the Personnel Appeals Board from the definition of "executive state officer" for purposes of RCW 42.17.240.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL AFFAIRS**

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives Hunt, Chair; Appleton, Vice Chair; Chandler, Ranking Minority Member; Armstrong, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Green, Kretz, Miloscia and Ormsby.

**Staff:** Alison Hellberg (786-7152).

**Background:**

Public officials are required to report their financial affairs to the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). Elected officials and executive state officers are required to file a financial affairs statement for the preceding calendar year with the PDC between January 1

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and April 15 of each year. Within two weeks of the appointment, a person appointed to an executive state officer position must file a statement of financial affairs for the preceding 12 months with the PDC.

The definition of "executive state officer" includes certain positions in agencies, boards, commissions, the Office of the Governor, and the Legislature.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The board of trustees of each technical college is included in the definition of executive state officer. The Personnel Appeals Board is removed from the definition of executive state officer.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) This bill came about when it was discovered during the gubernatorial appointments that one group of gubernatorial appointees were not required to file with the PDC. The Personnel Appeals Board no longer exists. This bill is a clean up of the statute. It also provides equity between the trustees of community colleges and technical colleges.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Senator Schoesler, prime sponsor; and Cindy Hough, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.