Higher Education Committee

HB 2751

Brief Description: Requiring that at least one member on each community college board of trustees be from labor.

Sponsors: Representatives Sells, Kenney, Nelson, Green, Ormsby, Conway, Campbell, Hasegawa, Seaquist, Simpson, Williams, Cody, Hudgins, Sullivan, Carlyle, Miloscia, Morrell, Hunt, Morris and Chase.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires that all community college Boards of Trustees include at least one member from labor.

Hearing Date: 1/20/10

Staff: Cece Clynch (786-7195).

Background:

The state is divided into 30 community and technical college districts. Each district has a Board of Trustees composed of 5 trustees appointed by the Governor.

In making appointments to the Boards, the Governor must give consideration to geographical diversity, and representation by labor, business, women, and racial and ethnic minorities. The Boards for districts containing a technical college must include at least one member from business and one member from labor. Within the state there are 5 technical colleges: Lake Washington Vocational-Technical Institute, Renton Vocational-Technical Institute, Bates Vocational-Technical Institute, Clover Park Vocational Institute, and Bellingham Vocational-Technical Institute.

Trustees serve 5 year terms.

Summary of Bill:

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Every college district Board of Trustees must include at least one member from labor. This requirement commences with the first appointment in each college district occurring after the effective date.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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