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By Senators Frockt, Nelson, Harper, Conway, Pridemore, Keiser, Chase, Shin, Murray, and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to including members from labor and business on
2 community college boards of trustees; and amending RCW 28B.50.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.50.100 and 2011 c 336 s 739 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 There is hereby created a board of trustees for each college
7 district as set forth in this chapter. Each board of trustees shall be
8 composed of five trustees, who shall be appointed by the governor for
9 terms commencing October 1st of the year in which appointed. In making
10 such appointments the governor shall give consideration to geographical
11 diversity, and representing labor, business, women, and racial and
12 ethnic minorities, in the membership of the boards of trustees. The
13 boards of trustees for districts containing technical colleges shall
14 include at least one member from business and one member from labor.
15 The boards of trustees in all other college districts shall include at
16 least one member from labor and one member from business, commencing
17 with the first appointment in each college district occurring after the
18 effective date of this section.

1 The successors of the trustees initially appointed shall be
2 appointed by the governor to serve for a term of five years except that
3 any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the
4 expiration of any term shall be appointed only for the remainder of the
5 term. Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and
6 qualified.

7 Every trustee shall be a resident and qualified elector of the
8 college district. No trustee may be an employee of the community and
9 technical college system, a member of the board of directors of any
10 school district, or a member of the governing board of any public or
11 private educational institution.

12 Each board of trustees shall organize itself by electing a chair
13 from its members. The board shall adopt a seal and may adopt such
14 bylaws, rules, and regulations as it deems necessary for its own
15 government. Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum, but
16 a lesser number may adjourn from time to time and may compel the
17 attendance of absent members in such manner as prescribed in its
18 bylaws, rules, or regulations. The district president, or if there be
19 none, the president of the college, shall serve as, or may designate
20 another person to serve as, the secretary of the board, who shall not
21 be deemed to be a member of the board.

22 Members of the boards of trustees may be removed for misconduct or
23 malfeasance in office in the manner provided by RCW 28B.10.500.

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