

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5212

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Expanding membership of the Washington state horse park authority.

Sponsors: Senators Holmquist Newbry, Becker and Roach.

Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

House Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs

Background: The Legislature authorized the establishment of the Washington State Horse Park Authority (Authority) in 1995. The Authority is a nonprofit corporation responsible for developing, promoting, operating, managing, and maintaining the Washington State Horse Park located on a 112-acre site in Cle Elum. The Authority is a public-private partnership governed by a seven member volunteer board of directors appointed by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) and is comprised of the following:

- one representative of the interests of the Commission;
- one representative of the interests of the county in which the horse park is located; and
- five representatives of different horse disciplines, activities, and professions, with at least one board member having business experience relevant to the organization of horse shows or operation of a horse show facility.

Summary: The board of directors of the Authority is expanded from 7 to 11 members and initial term lengths for the new members are prescribed. All four new members represent the geographic and sports discipline diversity of equestrian interests. The number of board members having business experience relevant to the organization of horse shows or operation of a horse show facility is increased from one to three.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	97	0

Effective: July 28, 2013.

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