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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1536**

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**By** House Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Seaquist, Appleton, Haler, Springer, Stanford, McCoy, Upthegrove, Ormsby, Moscoso, Hunt, Ryu, Fitzgibbon, Lytton, Sawyer, Lias, Dunshee, Orwall, Cody, Stonier, Kagi, Moeller, Sells, Reykdal, Fey, and Pollet)

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1       AN ACT Relating to membership on community and technical college  
2 boards of trustees; and reenacting 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 2012 c 228 s 5 and 2012 c 148 s 2 are  
5 each reenacted and amended to 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, except as provided in RCW 28B.50.102, who  
9 shall be appointed by the governor for terms commencing October 1st of  
10 the year in which appointed. In making such appointments the governor  
11 shall give consideration to geographical diversity, and representing  
12 labor, business, women, and racial and ethnic minorities, in the  
13 membership of the boards of trustees. The boards of trustees (~~for~~  
14 ~~districts containing technical colleges~~) shall include at least one  
15 member from business and one member from labor.

16       The successors of the trustees initially appointed shall be  
17 appointed by the governor to serve for a term of five years except that  
18 any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the

1 expiration of any term shall be appointed only for the remainder of the  
2 term. Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and  
3 qualified.

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

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

19 Each board of trustees shall follow procedures for open public  
20 meetings in chapter 42.30 RCW. Each board shall provide time for  
21 public comment at each meeting.

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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