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SENATE BILL 5001

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By Senators Honeyford, Tom, and Holmquist Newbry

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1            AN ACT Relating to requiring senate confirmation of growth  
2 management hearings board members; and amending RCW 36.70A.250.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.250 and 2010 c 211 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) A growth management hearings board for the state of Washington  
7 is created. The board shall consist of seven members qualified by  
8 experience or training in matters pertaining to land use law or land  
9 use planning and who have experience in the practical application of  
10 those matters. All seven board members shall be appointed by the  
11 governor with the advice and consent of the senate, two each residing  
12 respectively in the central Puget Sound, eastern Washington, and  
13 western Washington regions, plus one board member residing within the  
14 state of Washington. At least three members of the board shall be  
15 admitted to practice law in this state, one each residing respectively  
16 in the central Puget Sound, eastern Washington, and western Washington  
17 regions. At least three members of the board shall have been a city or  
18 county elected official, one each residing respectively in the central  
19 Puget Sound, eastern Washington, and western Washington regions. After

1 expiration of the terms of board members on the previously existing  
2 three growth management hearings boards, no more than four members of  
3 the seven-member board may be members of the same major political  
4 party. No more than two members at the time of their appointment or  
5 during their term may reside in the same county.

6 (2) Each member of the board shall be appointed for a term of six  
7 years. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the governor for  
8 the unexpired portion of the term in which the vacancy occurs. Members  
9 of the previously existing three growth management hearings boards  
10 appointed before July 1, 2010, shall complete their staggered, six-year  
11 terms as members of the growth management hearings board created under  
12 subsection (1) of this section. The reduction from nine board members  
13 on the previously existing three growth management hearings boards to  
14 seven total members on the growth management hearings board shall be  
15 made through attrition, voluntary resignation, or retirement.

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