
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5020

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By Senate State Government (originally sponsored by Senators Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, and Chase)

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1 AN ACT Relating to certain state ethnic and cultural diversity
2 commissions; amending RCW 43.113.010, 43.113.030, 43.115.045,
3 43.117.050, and 43.117.070; adding a new section to chapter 43.113
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.115 RCW; adding new sections
5 to chapter 43.117 RCW; and repealing RCW 43.113.020, 43.115.030,
6 43.117.040, 43.117.060, 43.131.341, and 43.131.342.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.113
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) The commission consists of eight members of African-American
11 origin. The two largest caucuses in the senate and the two largest
12 caucuses in the house of representatives shall each appoint two
13 members. The commissioners shall appoint cochairs from among
14 themselves and no cochair may have been appointed to the commission
15 by a caucus of the same political party as the other cochair. To the
16 extent practicable, appointments to the commission must be made to
17 achieve a balanced representation based on African-American
18 population distribution within the state, geographic considerations,
19 sex, age, and occupation.

20 (2) Members serve three year terms. In the case of a vacancy,
21 appointment is for the remainder of the unexpired term and must be

1 filled in the same manner as the original appointment. No member may
2 serve more than two full consecutive terms.

3 (3) Members must be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in
4 the performance of their duties in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and
5 43.03.060.

6 (4) Five members of the commission constitute a quorum for the
7 purposes of conducting business.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.113.010 and 1992 c 96 s 2 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 The Washington state commission on African-American affairs is
11 created. The commission shall be administered by an executive
12 director, who shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of,
13 the ~~((governor))~~ commission. The ~~((governor))~~ commission shall set
14 the salary of the executive director, within the limits established
15 by the office of financial management under RCW 43.03.028. The
16 executive director shall employ the staff of the commission.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.113.030 and 1992 c 96 s 4 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

20 (1) Examine and define issues pertaining to the rights and needs
21 of African-Americans, and make recommendations to the governor and
22 state agencies for changes in programs and laws.

23 (2) Advise the governor and state agencies on the development and
24 implementation of policies, plans, and programs that relate to the
25 special needs of African-Americans.

26 (3) ~~((Acting in concert with the governor,))~~ Advise the
27 legislature on issues of concern to the African-American community.

28 (4) Establish relationships with state agencies, local
29 governments, and private sector organizations that promote equal
30 opportunity and benefits for African-Americans.

31 (5) Receive gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private
32 sources that are made for the use or benefit of the commission and
33 expend, without appropriation, the same or any income from the gifts,
34 grants, or endowments according to their terms.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.115
36 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The commission consists of eight members of Hispanic origin.
2 The two largest caucuses in the senate and the two largest caucuses
3 in the house of representatives shall each appoint two members. The
4 commissioners shall appoint cochairs from among themselves and no
5 cochair may have been appointed to the commission by a caucus of the
6 same political party. To the extent practicable, appointments to the
7 commission must be made to achieve a balanced representation based on
8 the Hispanic population distribution within the state, geographic
9 considerations, sex, age, and occupation.

10 (2) Members serve three year terms. In the case of a vacancy,
11 appointment is for the remainder of the unexpired term and must be
12 filled in the same manner as the original appointment. No member may
13 serve more than two full consecutive terms.

14 (3) Members must be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in
15 the performance of their duties in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and
16 43.03.060.

17 (4) Five members of the commission constitute a quorum for the
18 purposes of conducting business.

19 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.115.045 and 1993 c 261 s 4 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (1) The commission shall be administered by an executive
22 director, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the
23 ~~((governor))~~ commission. ~~((The governor shall base the appointment of~~
24 ~~the executive director on recommendations of the commission.))~~ The
25 salary of the executive director shall be set by the ~~((governor))~~
26 commission, within the limits established by the office of financial
27 management under RCW 43.03.028.

28 (2) The executive director shall employ a staff, who shall be
29 state employees pursuant to Title 41 RCW. The executive director
30 shall prescribe the duties of the staff as may be necessary to
31 implement the purposes of this chapter.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 43.117
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 (1) The commission consists of eight members of Asian Pacific
35 American origin. The two largest caucuses in the senate and the two
36 largest caucuses in the house of representatives shall each appoint
37 two members. The commissioners shall appoint cochairs from among
38 themselves and no cochair may have been appointed to the commission

1 by a caucus of the same political party as the other cochair. To the
2 extent practicable, appointments to the commission must be made to
3 achieve a balanced representation based on the Asian-ethnic
4 population distribution within the state, geographic considerations,
5 sex, age, and occupation.

6 (2) Members serve three year terms. In the case of a vacancy,
7 appointment is for the remainder of the unexpired term and must be
8 filled in the same manner as the original appointment. No member may
9 serve more than two full consecutive terms.

10 (3) Members must be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in
11 the performance of their duties in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and
12 43.03.060.

13 (4) Five members of the commission constitute a quorum for the
14 purposes of conducting business.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 43.117
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) The commission is administered by an executive director, who
18 shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the commission.
19 The salary of the executive director shall be set by the commission,
20 within the limits established by the office of financial management
21 under RCW 43.03.028.

22 (2) The executive director shall employ a staff, who are state
23 employees pursuant to Title 41 RCW. The executive director shall
24 prescribe the duties of the staff as may be necessary to implement
25 the purposes of this chapter.

26 **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.117.050 and 2009 c 549 s 5172 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 The commission shall:

29 (1) ~~((Elect one of its members to serve as chair; and also such
30 other officers as necessary to form an executive committee;~~

31 ~~(+2))~~ Adopt rules and regulations pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW;

32 ~~((+3))~~ (2) Meet at the call of the ~~((chair))~~ cochairs or the
33 call of a majority of its members, but in no case less often than
34 once during any three month period;

35 ~~((+4))~~ (3) Be authorized to appoint such citizen task force as
36 it deems appropriate.

1 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.117.070 and 2007 c 19 s 3 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The commission shall examine and define issues pertaining to
4 the rights and needs of Asian Pacific Americans, and make
5 recommendations to the governor and state agencies with respect to
6 desirable changes in program and law.

7 (2) The commission shall advise such state government agencies on
8 the development and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated
9 policies, plans, and programs focusing on the special problems and
10 needs of Asian Pacific Americans.

11 (3) The commission shall advise the legislature on issues of
12 concern to the Asian Pacific American community.

13 (4) The commission shall coordinate and assist with statewide
14 celebrations during the fourth week of Asian Pacific American
15 Heritage Month that recognize the contributions to the state by Asian
16 Pacific Americans in the arts, sciences, commerce, and education.

17 ~~((4))~~ (5) The commission shall coordinate and assist
18 educational institutions, public entities, and private organizations
19 with celebrations of Korean-American day that recognize the
20 contributions to the state by Korean-Americans in the arts, sciences,
21 commerce, and education.

22 ~~((5))~~ (6) Each state department and agency shall provide
23 appropriate and reasonable assistance to the commission as needed in
24 order that the commission may carry out the purposes of this chapter.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The following acts or parts of acts are
26 each repealed:

27 (1) RCW 43.113.020 (Membership—Terms—Vacancies—Quorum—Expenses)
28 and 1992 c 96 s 3;

29 (2) RCW 43.115.030 (Membership—Terms—Vacancies—Travel expenses—
30 Quorum) and 1993 c 261 s 2, 1987 c 249 s 3, 1981 c 338 s 15, 1975-'76
31 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 130, & 1971 ex.s. c 34 s 3;

32 (3) RCW 43.117.040 (Membership—Terms—Vacancies—Travel expenses—
33 Quorum—Executive director) and 2009 c 549 s 5171, 1982 c 68 s 1, 1981
34 c 338 s 16, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 131, & 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 4;

35 (4) RCW 43.117.060 (Staff) and 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 6;

36 (5) RCW 43.131.341 (Washington state commission on Hispanic
37 affairs—Termination) and 1993 c 261 s 5 & 1987 c 249 s 8; and

1 (6) RCW 43.131.342 (Washington state commission on Hispanic
2 affairs—Repeal) and 1993 c 261 s 6 & 1987 c 249 s 9.

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