

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2109

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to membership of the Chehalis board.

Brief Description: Concerning membership of the Chehalis board.

Sponsors: Representative Blake.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources: 1/15/20, 1/22/20 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/12/20, 97-0.

Passed Senate: 3/3/20, 48-0.

Passed Legislature.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Specifies that the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and Quinault Indian Nation may each designate a voting alternate member of the Chehalis Board.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE, & NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 15 members: Representatives Blake, Chair; Shewmake, Vice Chair; Chandler, Ranking Minority Member; Dent, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chapman, Dye, Fitzgibbon, Kretz, Lekanoff, Orcutt, Pettigrew, Ramos, Schmick, Springer and Walsh.

Staff: Rebecca Lewis (786-7339).

Background:

The Chehalis Board (Board) is responsible for the oversight of a long-term strategy to reduce flood damage and restore aquatic species habitat in the Chehalis Basin. The strategy must

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include a detailed set of actions, an implementation schedule, and quantified measures to evaluate success.

The Board consists of seven voting members, including one member each from the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the Quinault Indian Nation, invited by the Governor. Two other members are appointed by the Governor, and three are selected by the Chehalis Basin Flood Authority. The Governor must seek board appointees that provide expertise necessary to provide oversight of the Chehalis Basin strategy.

Summary of Bill:

The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and Quinault Indian Nation may each designate a voting alternate member of the Chehalis Board.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) The committee is hearing this bill early this session because the bill came in very late last year.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Blake, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.