
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1670

State of Washington

67th Legislature

2022 Regular Session

By House State Government & Tribal Relations (originally sponsored by Representatives Thai, Goehner, Callan, Ramos, and Harris-Talley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the appointment process for the chairperson
2 and vice chairperson of the joint administrative rules review
3 committee; and amending RCW 34.05.610.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 34.05.610 and 2015 2nd sp.s. c 11 s 1 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) There is hereby created a joint administrative rules review
8 committee which shall be a bipartisan committee consisting of four
9 senators and four representatives from the state legislature. The
10 senate members of the committee shall be appointed by the president
11 of the senate, and the house members of the committee shall be
12 appointed by the speaker of the house. Not more than two members from
13 each house may be from the same political party. The appointing
14 authorities shall also appoint one alternate member from each caucus
15 of each house. All appointments to the committee are subject to
16 approval by the caucuses to which the appointed members belong.

17 (2)(a) Members and alternates shall be appointed as soon as
18 possible after the legislature convenes in regular session in an odd-
19 numbered year. Except when filling a vacancy, a successor to any
20 member or alternate must be appointed in an odd-numbered year as soon
21 as possible after the legislature convenes in regular session, but no

1 later than by June 30th of the same year. A vacancy on the committee
2 must be filled in accordance with subsection (4) of this section
3 within thirty days of the vacancy occurring. Members and alternates
4 may be reappointed to the committee.

5 (b) The term of any member or alternate appointed to the
6 committee extends until a successor is appointed and qualified, or
7 until the member or alternate no longer serves in the legislature,
8 whichever occurs first.

9 (~~The president of the senate shall appoint the chairperson
10 and the vice chairperson from among the committee membership as soon
11 as possible after the legislature convenes in regular session in
12 January 2016.~~) The chairperson of the committee must alternate
13 between the members of the senate and the house of representatives
14 every two years. The chairperson and vice chairperson may not be
15 members of the same house or political party. The speaker of the
16 house shall appoint the chairperson and the president of the senate
17 shall appoint the vice chairperson in alternating even-numbered years
18 beginning in the year ((2018)) 2022 from among the committee
19 membership. The ((secretary)) president of the senate shall appoint
20 the chairperson and the speaker of the house shall appoint the vice
21 chairperson in the alternating even-numbered years beginning in the
22 year ((2020)) 2024 from among the committee membership. Appointments
23 of the chairperson and vice chairperson shall be made in each even-
24 numbered year as soon as possible after a legislative session
25 convenes in regular session, but no later than by June 30th of the
26 same year. When making appointments for the positions of chairperson
27 and vice chairperson, the appointing authorities shall, to the
28 greatest extent practicable, appoint members that reflect diversity
29 in race, ethnicity, gender, geographic region, and urban and rural
30 representation.

31 (4) The chairperson of the committee shall cause all meeting
32 notices and committee documents to be sent to the members and
33 alternates. A vacancy, including a vacancy of the chairperson or vice
34 chairperson of the committee, must be filled by appointment of a
35 legislator from the same political party as the original appointment.
36 The appropriate appointing authority shall make the appointment
37 within thirty days of the vacancy occurring.

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