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**SENATE BILL 5139**

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**State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session**

**By** Senators C. Wilson, Frame, Hasegawa, and Nobles; by request of Department of Commerce

AN ACT Relating to reentry council; and amending RCW 43.380.030, 43.380.060, and 43.380.070.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 43.380.030 and 2016 c 188 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The council comprises ((~~fifteen~~)) 20 members appointed by the governor.

(2) The governor must create a membership that includes:

(a)(i) Representatives of: The department of corrections; the health care authority; the department of social and health services; the employment security department; the juvenile rehabilitation administration; a statewide organization representing community and technical colleges; a statewide organization representing law enforcement interests; a statewide organization representing the interests of crime victims; a statewide organization representing prosecutors; a statewide organization representing public defenders; a statewide or local organization representing businesses and employers; housing providers; and faith-based organizations or communities;

(ii) At least two persons with experience reentering the community after incarceration; ((~~and~~))

(iii) Two other community leaders; and

(iv) Two community members who are currently incarcerated.

(b) At least one position of the council must be reserved for an invited person with a background in tribal affairs, and such position has all of the same voting and other powers of other members.

(3) When making appointments, the governor shall consider:

(a) The racial and ethnic background of applicants in order for the membership to reflect the diversity of racial and ethnic backgrounds of all those who are incarcerated in the state;

(b) The gender of applicants in order for the membership to reflect the gender diversity of all those who are incarcerated in the state;

(c) The geographic location of all applicants in order for the membership to represent the different geographic regions of the state; and

(d) The experiences and background of all applicants relating to the incarcerated population.

**Sec.**  RCW 43.380.060 and 2016 c 188 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

The members of the council ((~~shall serve without~~)) may receive compensation as provided in RCW 43.03.220 and 43.03.270, ((~~but~~)) and are entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

**Sec.**  RCW 43.380.070 and 2016 c 188 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Meetings of the council must be held in accordance with the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW, and at the call of the cochairs or when a majority of the council membership so requests. Members may participate in a meeting of the council by means of a conference telephone or similar communication equipment as described in RCW 23B.08.200.

(2) ((~~Seven~~)) Eleven members of the council constitute a quorum.

(3) Once operational, the council must convene on a regular schedule at least four times during each year.

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