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1 AN ACT Relating to the joint administrative rules review
2 committee; amending RCW 34.05.610; and adding new sections to chapter
3 34.05 RCW.

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)~~) 30 days of the vacancy occurring. Members and
4 alternates 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 (3) The president of the senate shall appoint the chairperson and
10 the vice chairperson from among the committee membership as soon as
11 possible after the legislature convenes in regular session in January
12 2016. The speaker of the house shall appoint the chairperson and the
13 vice chairperson in alternating even-numbered years beginning in the
14 year 2018 from among the committee membership. The secretary of the
15 senate shall appoint the chairperson and the vice chairperson in the
16 alternating even-numbered years beginning in the year 2020 from among
17 the committee membership. Appointments of the chairperson and vice
18 chairperson shall be made in each even-numbered year as soon as
19 possible after a legislative session convenes in regular session, but
20 no later than by June 30th of the same year.

21 (4) The chairperson of the committee shall cause all meeting
22 notices and committee documents to be sent to the members and
23 alternates. A vacancy must be filled by appointment of a legislator
24 from the same political party as the original appointment. The
25 appropriate appointing authority shall make the appointment within
26 (~~(thirty)~~) 30 days of the vacancy occurring.

27 (5) The committee shall hold at least one meeting during each
28 calendar quarter even if the committee did not receive any petitions
29 for review under RCW 34.05.655.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 34.05
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 (1) A person may petition the rules review committee for review
33 of any emergency rule adopted pursuant to RCW 34.05.350, or a rule
34 that did not receive adequate public input.

35 (2) For the purposes of this section, a rule that did not receive
36 adequate public input means a rule required to be filed pursuant to
37 RCW 34.05.380 that is adopted:

1 (a) Without all individuals signed up to testify having the
2 opportunity to testify for at least three minutes at the rule-making
3 hearing; or

4 (b) With less than 20 days' notice before the rule-making hearing
5 at which the agency receives public comment regarding adoption of a
6 rule.

7 (3) The rules review committee shall review any rule that is
8 petitioned for review under this section.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 The rules review committee shall review any rule required to be
12 filed pursuant to RCW 34.05.380 or any emergency rule adopted
13 pursuant to RCW 34.05.350, which was adopted in the five years prior,
14 upon request by a legislator.

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