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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5139**

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**By** Senate Human Services (originally sponsored by Senators C. Wilson, Frame, Hasegawa, and Nobles; by request of Department of Commerce)

READ FIRST TIME 01/30/25.

1 AN ACT Relating to reentry council; and amending RCW 43.380.030,  
2 43.380.060, and 43.380.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.380.030 and 2016 c 188 s 4 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The council comprises (~~fifteen~~) 22 members appointed by the  
7 governor.

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

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

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

1 (iii) Two other community leaders;  
2 (iv) Two community members who are currently incarcerated; and  
3 (v) Two persons who are either a survivor or victim of a crime as  
4 defined in RCW 7.69.020.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.380.060 and 2016 c 188 s 7 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 The members of the council (~~(shall serve without)~~) may receive  
23 compensation as provided in RCW 43.03.220 and 43.03.270, (~~but~~) and  
24 are entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW  
25 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

26 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.380.070 and 2016 c 188 s 8 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

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

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

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

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