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

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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~~) 20 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; and
2 (iv) Two community members who are currently incarcerated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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