
SENATE BILL 6169

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By Senator Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington economic development finance
2 authority membership; and amending RCW 43.163.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.163.020 and 1995 c 399 s 89 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The Washington economic development finance authority is
7 established as a public body corporate and politic, with perpetual
8 corporate succession, constituting an instrumentality of the state of
9 Washington exercising essential governmental functions. The authority
10 is a public body within the meaning of RCW 39.53.010.

11 The authority shall consist of (~~eighteen~~~~[seventeen]~~) seventeen
12 members as follows: The director of the department of (~~community,~~
13 ~~trade, and economic development~~) commerce, the director of the
14 department of agriculture, the state treasurer, one member from each
15 caucus in the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
16 house, one member from each caucus in the senate appointed by the
17 president of the senate, and ten public members with one representative
18 of women-owned businesses and one representative of minority-owned
19 businesses and with at least three of the members residing east of the

1 Cascades. The members from the house of representatives and the senate
2 shall not be voting members. The public members shall be residents of
3 the state appointed by the governor on the basis of their interest or
4 expertise in trade, agriculture or business finance or jobs creation
5 and development. One of the public members shall be appointed by the
6 governor as chair of the authority and shall serve as chair of the
7 authority at the pleasure of the governor. The authority may select
8 from its membership such other officers as it deems appropriate.

9 The term of the persons appointed by the governor as public members
10 of the authority, including the public member appointed as chair, shall
11 be four years from the date of appointment, except that the term of
12 three of the initial appointees shall be for two years from the date of
13 appointment and the term of four of the initial appointees shall be for
14 three years from the date of appointment. The governor shall designate
15 the appointees who will serve the two-year and three-year terms.

16 In the event of a vacancy on the authority due to death,
17 resignation or removal of one of the public members, or upon the
18 expiration of the term of one of the public members, the governor shall
19 appoint a successor for the remainder of the unexpired term. If either
20 of the state offices is abolished, the resulting vacancy on the
21 authority shall be filled by the state officer who shall succeed
22 substantially to the power and duties of the abolished office.

23 Any public member of the authority may be removed by the governor
24 for misfeasance, malfeasance or willful neglect of duty after notice
25 and a public hearing, unless such notice and hearing shall be expressly
26 waived in writing by the affected public member.

27 The state officials serving in ex officio capacity may each
28 designate an employee of their respective departments to act on their
29 behalf in all respects with regard to any matter to come before the
30 authority. Such designations shall be made in writing in such manner
31 as is specified by the rules of the authority.

32 The members of the authority shall serve without compensation but
33 shall be entitled to reimbursement, solely from the funds of the
34 authority, for expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties under
35 this chapter. The authority may borrow funds from the department for
36 the purpose of reimbursing members for expenses; however, the authority
37 shall repay the department as soon as practicable.

1 A majority of the voting members of the authority shall constitute
2 a quorum.

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