
SENATE BILL 5630

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By Senators Brown, Wilson, L., Holy, Becker, and Warnick

1 AN ACT Relating to the composition of the growth management
2 hearings board; and amending RCW 36.70A.250.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.250 and 2010 c 211 s 4 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A growth management hearings board for the state of
7 Washington is created. The board shall consist of seven members
8 qualified by experience (~~(or)~~) and training in matters pertaining to
9 land use law or land use planning and who have experience in the
10 practical application of those matters as demonstrated to the senate.
11 All seven board members shall be appointed by the governor with the
12 advice and consent of the senate, two each residing respectively in
13 the central Puget Sound, eastern Washington, and western Washington
14 regions, plus one board member residing within the state of
15 Washington. At least three members of the board shall be admitted to
16 practice law in this state, one each residing respectively in the
17 central Puget Sound, eastern Washington, and western Washington
18 regions. At least three members of the board shall have been a city
19 or county elected official, one each residing respectively in the
20 central Puget Sound, eastern Washington, and western Washington
21 regions. At least three members of the board shall have experience as

1 a city or county planner, one each residing respectively in the
2 central Puget Sound, eastern Washington, and western Washington
3 regions. After expiration of the terms of board members on the
4 previously existing three growth management hearings boards, no more
5 than four members of the seven-member board may be members of the
6 same major political party. No more than two members at the time of
7 their appointment or during their term may reside in the same county.

8 (2) Each member of the board shall be appointed for a term of six
9 years. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the governor with
10 the advice and consent of the senate for the unexpired portion of the
11 term in which the vacancy occurs. Members of the previously existing
12 three growth management hearings boards appointed before July 1,
13 2010, shall complete their staggered, six-year terms as members of
14 the growth management hearings board created under subsection (1) of
15 this section. The reduction from nine board members on the previously
16 existing three growth management hearings boards to seven total
17 members on the growth management hearings board shall be made through
18 attrition, voluntary resignation, or retirement.

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