HOUSE BILL 1150

State of Washington   **65th Legislature**   **2017 Regular Session**

By Representatives DeBolt and Blake; by request of Department of Ecology

1   AN ACT Relating to clarifying procedures for appointment to the
2 Chehalis board created by chapter 194, Laws of 2016; amending RCW
3 43.21A.731; and declaring an emergency.

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

5   **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.21A.731 and 2016 c 194 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:
7   (1) The Chehalis board is created consisting of seven voting
8 members.
9   (2)(a) Four members of the board must be voting members who are
10 appointed ((by)) through the governor((, subject to confirmation by
11 the senate. One member must represent the Chehalis Indian tribe and
12 one member must represent the Quinault Indian nation)). The governor
13 shall invite the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and
14 the Quinault Indian Nation to each designate a voting member of the
15 board. In addition, the governor shall appoint two members of the
16 board, subject to confirmation by the senate. Three board members
17 must be selected by the Chehalis basin flood authority. No member may
18 have a financial or regulatory interest in the work of the board. The
19 governor shall appoint one of the flood authority appointees as the
20 chair. The voting members of the board must be appointed for terms of
21 four years, except that ((two members)) one member appointed by the

1 governor and one member appointed by the flood authority initially
2 must be appointed for terms of two years, and ((three members)) one
3 member appointed by the governor and two members appointed by the
4 flood authority must initially be appointed for terms of three years.
5 In making the appointments, ((the governor)) each appointing
6 authority shall seek a board membership that collectively provides
7 the   expertise   necessary   to   provide   strong   oversight   for
8 implementation   of   the   Chehalis   basin   strategy,   that   provides
9 extensive knowledge of local government processes and functions, and
10 that   has   an   understanding   of   issues   relevant   to   reducing   flood
11 damages and restoring aquatic species.
12   (b) In addition to the seven voting members of the board, the
13 following five state officials must serve as ex officio nonvoting
14 members of the board: The director of the department of fish and
15 wildlife, the executive director of the Washington state conservation
16 commission, the secretary of the department of transportation, the
17 director of the department of ecology, and the commissioner of public
18 lands. The state officials serving in an ex officio capacity may
19 designate a representative of their respective agencies to serve on
20 the board in their behalf. These designations must be made in writing
21 and in such a manner as is specified by the board.
22   (3) Staff support to the board must be provided by the
23 department. For administrative purposes, the board is located within
24 the department.
25   (4) Members of the board who do not represent state agencies must
26 be compensated as provided by RCW 43.03.250. Members of the board
27 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided by RCW 43.03.050
28 and 43.03.060.
29   (5) The board is responsible for oversight of a long-term
30 strategy resulting from the department's programmatic environmental
31 impact statement for the Chehalis river basin to reduce flood damages
32 and restore aquatic species habitat.
33   (6) The board is responsible for overseeing the implementation of
34 the   strategy   and   developing   biennial   and   supplemental   budget
35 recommendations to the governor.

36   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
37 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

1   the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
2   effect immediately.

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