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By Representatives Simmons and Goodman

1 AN ACT Relating to the membership and operation of the sex  
2 offender policy board; and amending RCW 9.94A.8673.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.94A.8673 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 40 s 37 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Within funds appropriated for this purpose, the sentencing  
7 guidelines commission shall establish and maintain a sex ~~((offender))~~  
8 offense policy board.

9 (2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
10 specific purpose, the board shall facilitate training and team  
11 building, and reinstate conferences relevant to sex offense policy  
12 development.

13 (3)(a) The board shall serve to advise the governor and the  
14 legislature as necessary on issues relating to sex ~~((offender))~~  
15 offense management.

16 (b) At such times as the governor or a legislative committee of  
17 jurisdiction may request, the ~~((sex-offender-policy))~~ board may be  
18 convened to:

19 (i) Undertake projects to assist policymakers in making informed  
20 judgments about issues relating to sex ~~((offender))~~ offense policy;  
21 and

1 (ii) Conduct case reviews of sex offense incidents to understand  
2 performance of Washington's sex (~~offender~~) offense prevention and  
3 response systems.

4 (~~(3)~~) (4) The (~~sex-offender-policy~~) board shall consist of  
5 (~~thirteen~~) 17 voting members (~~(. Unless the member is)~~) as follows:

6 (a) The four persons specifically named in this (~~section, the~~  
7 ~~following organizations shall designate a person to sit on the board.~~  
8 ~~The voting membership shall consist of the following:~~

9 ~~(a) A representative of the Washington association of sheriffs~~  
10 ~~and police chiefs;~~

11 ~~(b) A representative of the Washington association of prosecuting~~  
12 ~~attorneys;~~

13 ~~(c) A representative of the Washington association of criminal~~  
14 ~~defense lawyers;~~

15 ~~(d)~~) subsection:

16 (i) The chair of the indeterminate sentence review board or his  
17 or her designee;

18 (~~(e) A representative of the Washington association for the~~  
19 ~~treatment of sex abusers;~~

20 ~~(f)~~) (ii) The secretary of the department of corrections or his  
21 or her designee;

22 (~~(g) A representative of the Washington state superior court~~  
23 ~~judges' association;~~

24 ~~(h)~~) (iii) The assistant secretary of the juvenile  
25 rehabilitation administration or his or her designee; and

26 (~~(i) The office of crime victims advocacy in the department of~~  
27 ~~commerce;~~

28 ~~(j) A representative of the Washington state association of~~  
29 ~~counties;~~

30 ~~(k) A representative of the association of Washington cities;~~

31 ~~(l) A representative of the Washington association of sexual~~  
32 ~~assault programs; and~~

33 ~~(m)~~) (iv) The director of the special commitment center or his  
34 or her designee;

35 (b) One representative from each of the following organizations,  
36 appointed by the organization being represented:

37 (i) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;

38 (ii) The Washington association of prosecuting attorneys;

39 (iii) The Washington association of criminal defense lawyers;

1 (iv) The Washington association for the treatment and prevention  
2 of sexual abuse;  
3 (v) The Washington state superior court judges' association;  
4 (vi) The office of crime victims advocacy in the department of  
5 commerce;  
6 (vii) The Washington state association of counties;  
7 (viii) The association of Washington cities; and  
8 (ix) The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs;  
9 (c) One representative from a community-based organization  
10 advocating for persons convicted of sex offenses, appointed by the  
11 chair of the sex offense policy board and approved by a majority vote  
12 of the board's voting membership;  
13 (d) One representative from a federally recognized Indian tribe  
14 in Washington state, appointed by the governor's office of Indian  
15 affairs;  
16 (e) One representative with lived experience with incarceration  
17 for a sex offense, appointed by the chair of the sex offense policy  
18 board and approved by a majority vote of the board's voting  
19 membership; and  
20 (f) One representative with lived experience as the victim of a  
21 sex offense, appointed by the chair of the sex offense policy board  
22 and approved by a majority vote of the board's voting membership.  
23 ~~((4))~~ (5) The board shall choose its chair by majority vote  
24 from among its voting membership. The chair's term shall be two  
25 years.  
26 ~~((5))~~ (6) As appropriate, the board shall consult with the  
27 criminal justice division in the attorney general's office and the  
28 Washington institute for public policy.  
29 ~~((6))~~ (7) The board shall consult with the office of crime  
30 victims advocacy for recommended trauma-informed practices in the  
31 selection and participation of any victims appointed to the board.  
32 (8) Members of the board shall receive no compensation but may be  
33 reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and  
34 43.03.060.

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