

## CHAPTER 130.

[ House Bill No. 442. ]

## JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

AN ACT relating to the legislature; creating a joint committee on education; prescribing its powers and duties; providing for citizen participation; and repealing chapter 19, Laws of 1963 first extraordinary session and RCW 44.33.010 through 44.33.180 and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Joint committee on education. "Committee" defined.

SECTION 1. As used in this act "committee" means the joint committee on education of the legislature of the state of Washington.

Created.

SEC. 2. There is hereby created the joint committee on education of the legislature of the state of Washington.

Members—  
Selection of—  
Election of,  
when.

SEC. 3. The committee shall consist of five senators and five representatives who shall be selected prior to the close of the thirty-ninth session of the legislature, and at least 10 days before the close of each regular session thereafter as follows:

(1) The president of the senate shall nominate five senators to serve on the committee, and shall submit the list of nominees to the senate for confirmation. Upon confirmation, the senators shall be deemed installed as members.

(2) The speaker of the house shall nominate five members of the house of representatives to serve on the committee, and submit the list of nominees to the house for confirmation. Upon confirmation, the representatives shall be deemed installed as members.

In the event of a failure to appoint members within the time above stated, or in the event of a refusal to confirm, then the members on the committee from either house in which there is a failure

to appoint or confirm shall be elected forthwith by the members of such house.

SEC. 4. Not more than three members confirmed or elected by the senate, and not more than three members confirmed or elected by the house, shall be affiliated with any one political party.

Members—  
Political  
affiliation  
limitation.

SEC. 5. Members shall serve until their successors are installed as provided in section 3 at the next succeeding regular session of the legislature, or until they are no longer members of the legislature, whichever is sooner.

Members—  
Terms.

SEC. 6. The committee shall fill any vacancies occurring on the committee by appointment from the legislative chamber whose member departs; members filling vacancies shall serve until their successors are installed as provided in section 3 or until they are no longer members of the legislature, whichever is sooner. All vacancies shall be filled from the same political party as that of the member whose seat was vacated.

Members—  
Vacancies,  
filling of—  
Terms.

SEC. 7. The committee shall by majority vote select a chairman, create necessary or appropriate subcommittees, and prescribe rules of procedure for itself and its subcommittees which are not inconsistent with this act.

Chairman,  
selection of—  
Subcommittees  
—Rules of  
procedure.

SEC. 8. The committee may employ an executive secretary and such clerical and other assistants as it finds necessary or appropriate, and fix their compensation, expenses, and salaries.

Executive  
secretary,  
other person-  
nel, employ-  
ment of.

SEC. 9. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their expenses incurred while attending sessions of the committee or meetings of any subcommittee of the committee or while engaged in other committee business authorized by the committee to the extent of twenty-five dollars per day plus ten cents per mile in going and coming

Members re-  
imbursed for  
expenses—  
Vouchers for  
expenses,  
salaries.

Joint committee on education. Vouchers for expenses, salaries.

from committee sessions or subcommittee meetings or for travel on other committee business authorized by the committee. All expenses incurred by the committee including salaries of the employees shall be paid upon voucher forms as provided by the central budget agency and signed by the chairman of the committee and approved by the secretary of the committee and the authority of said chairman or said chairman and secretary to sign vouchers shall continue until their successors are selected. Vouchers may be drawn upon funds appropriated for the expenses of the committee.

Witnesses, examination public, when.

SEC. 10. When directed by a two-thirds vote of the whole committee witnesses shall be examined privately.

Duties.

SEC. 11. The committee is authorized to ascertain and study facts and matters relating to education in the state of Washington, including but not limited to:

- (1) Inter-relationship of state board of education and superintendent of public instruction;
- (2) Office of county superintendent of schools;
- (3) School districts including relationships to counties and the state;
- (4) Relationship of post high school education to common schools, adult education, community colleges, vocational and technical schools, and colleges and universities.
- (5) Potential for teaching use of new media and devices such as television, teaching machines, and data processing;
- (6) Educational research potential areas leading to improvement in instruction;
- (7) Length of school year and summer school support;
- (8) Vocational and technical education;

- (9) Teacher preparation;
- (10) Student teaching;
- (11) Supervision of beginning teachers;
- (12) Finance; and
- (13) Impact of increased federal funds.

SEC. 12. The committee shall consult and maintain liaison with the legislative council, the legislative budget committee and all affected public agencies, and shall seek the participation of all interested and responsible organizations.

Liaison with other state agencies.

SEC. 13. The committee is authorized to appoint such citizen subcommittees as it deems appropriate and to pay approved expenses of subcommittee members and any other authorized expenses such subcommittees may incur.

Citizen subcommittees—Expenses paid.

SEC. 14. The committee shall make such recommendations to the governor and the legislature relating to changes in administrative practices and existing laws as it finds necessary. If the recommendations adopted by the committee do not receive unanimous approval, any dissenting members shall have the privilege of submitting minority recommendations: *Provided*, That minority recommendations shall not be recognized, acted upon or reported unless joined in by two or more members.

Committee recommendations—Minority recommendations.

SEC. 15. The committee shall have authority to receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from private sources as may be made from time to time in trust or otherwise for the use and benefit of the purposes of the committee and to expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of said gifts, grants, or endowments.

Gifts, grants, etc.—Authority to receive and expend.

SEC. 16. Chapter 19, Laws of 1963 first extraordinary session and RCW 44.33.010 through 44.33.180 are each repealed.

Repeal.

Joint com-  
mittee on  
education.  
Emergency.

SEC. 17. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House April 6, 1965.

Passed the Senate April 4, 1965.

Approved by the Governor April 14, 1965.

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CHAPTER 131.

[ Senate Bill No. 474. ]

BRIDGING PUGET SOUND—STUDIES.

AN ACT relating to highways; authorizing the selection of a route for construction of a bridge or bridges across Puget Sound; authorizing traffic and financial studies and surveys to determine the feasibility of constructing such bridges; making an appropriation and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Bridging Puget  
Sound. Study  
and selection  
of route—  
Joint action by  
state agencies  
—Considera-  
tions—Type of  
project.

SECTION 1. The Washington state highway commission and the Washington toll bridge authority are hereby authorized, acting jointly with the joint committee on highways to investigate, study and select an appropriate route for the construction of a bridge or bridges across Puget Sound to link the Kitsap Peninsula to the mainland. In selecting a route, the highway commission, the toll bridge authority, and the joint committee shall consider existing highways and other transportation facilities already constructed or in operation and the necessity and advisability of constructing necessary approaches connecting to such facilities. The co-operative study authorized by this section shall also consider whether such project shall be con-