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

Sec. 1. Section 5, chapter 324, Laws of 1981 and RCW 34.04.210 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There is hereby created a joint administrative rules review committee which shall be a bipartisan committee consisting of four senators and four representatives from the state legislature. The senate members of the committee shall be appointed by the president of the senate, and the house members of the committee shall be appointed by the speaker of the house. Not more than two members from each house may be from the same political party. All appointments to the committee are subject to approval by the caucuses to which the appointed members belong.

(2) The initial members of the committee shall be appointed as soon as possible after July 26, 1981, and shall serve until the next regular session of the legislature convenes in an odd-numbered year. Thereafter members shall be appointed as soon as possible after the legislature convenes in regular session in an odd-numbered year, and their terms shall extend until their successors are appointed and qualified at the next regular session of the legislature in an odd-numbered year or until such members no longer serve in the legislature, whichever occurs first. Members may be reappointed to a committee.

(3) The president of the senate shall appoint the chairperson in even-numbered years and the vice chairperson in odd-numbered years from among committee membership. The speaker of the house shall appoint the chairperson in odd-numbered years and the vice chairperson in even-numbered years from among committee membership. Such appointments shall be made in January of each year as soon as possible after a legislative session convenes.

(4) (Vacancies) A vacancy on the committee shall be filled (as soon as possible) by appointment of a legislator from the same political party as the original appointment(s). The appropriate appointing authority shall make the appointment within thirty days of the vacancy occurring.