

## **Relevant Statutes: Joint Higher Education Committee**

### **RCW 44.04.360**

#### **Joint higher education committee -- Purpose.**

- (1) A joint higher education committee is created.
- (2) The purpose of the joint higher education committee is to:
  - (a) By December 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, review the work of the student achievement council and provide legislative feedback;
  - (b) Engage with the student achievement council and the higher education community to create greater communication, coordination, and alignment between the higher education system and the expectations of the legislature; and
  - (c) Provide recommendations for higher education policy, including proposed legislation, to the higher education and fiscal committees of the legislature.

[2012 c 229 § 201.]

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### **RCW 44.04.362**

#### **Joint higher education committee -- Membership.**

- (1) The joint higher education committee shall consist of the following members:
  - (a) Four members of the house of representatives, two each appointed by the leadership of the two largest caucuses, with at least one member from each caucus who is a member of the house of representatives ways and means committee and at least one member from each caucus who is a member of the house of representatives higher education committee; and
  - (b) Four members of the senate, two each appointed by the leadership of the two largest caucuses, with at least one member from each caucus who is a member of the senate ways and means committee and at least one member from each caucus who is a member of the senate higher education and workforce development committee.
- (2) All members must be appointed by July 1, 2012, and must serve a term of no less than two years.
- (3) Vacancies on the joint higher education committee shall be filled by appointment by either the president of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives. All such vacancies shall be filled from the same political party and from the same house as the member whose seat was vacated.

(4) The joint higher education committee shall appoint its own cochairs, representing two different parties and the two chambers of the legislature.

[2012 c 229 § 202.]

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**RCW 44.04.364**

**Joint higher education committee -- Meetings -- Reimbursement -- Rules -- Staffing.**

(1) The joint higher education committee shall meet at least twice annually after the conclusion of the legislative session.

(2) The members of the joint higher education committee shall serve without additional compensation, but shall be reimbursed in accordance with RCW [44.04.120](#) while attending meetings of the joint higher education committee.

(3) The joint higher education committee shall adopt rules and procedures for its operations.

(4) Staff support for the joint higher education committee must be provided by the senate committee services and the house of representatives office of program research.

[2012 c 229 § 203.]