

Legislation Text

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A JOINT MOTION AND RESOLUTION of the Metropolitan King County Council, the Board of Skagit County Commissioners and the Snohomish County Council making an appointment to fill the vacancy in the position of state senator for the 39th legislative district.

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of state senator for the 39th legislative district due to the resignation of Senator Kirk Pearson, and

WHEREAS, the 39th legislative district is a multicounty legislative district, including parts of King County, Skagit County and Snohomish County, and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the Washington state Constitution provides that in the event of a vacancy occurring in a multicounty legislative district the vacancy shall be filled by joint action of the legislative authorities of the respective counties from a list of three candidates nominated by the state central committee of the same political party as the legislator whose office is vacated, and

WHEREAS, the candidates must reside in the 39th legislative district and be of the same political party as the legislator whose office is vacated, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Republican Central Committee has submitted the names of three constitutionally qualified candidates to fill the vacancy created by Senator Pearson resignation, and

WHEREAS, to obtain information from the candidates about their qualifications and views each county legislative authority has either interviewed them or provided them with a written questionnaire;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED AND RESOLVED by the King County Council, the Board of Skagit County Commissioners and the Snohomish County Council:

A. Keith L. Wagoner, one of the three nominees, is hereby appointed to the position of state senator for the 39th legislative district in the Washington state Senate and continuing until a successor is elected at the next general election, and has qualified.

B. The clerks of the councils and board shall provide a copy of this joint motion and resolution to the clerk of the Washington state Senate, the governor of the state of Washington and the chair of the Washington State Republican Central Committee.