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This bill allows the Washington county housing and redevelopment authority (HRA) to have seven commissioners: one from each county commissioner district, one representing the county at large, and one county resident who is directly assisted by the HRA. The bill specifies staggered, three-year terms of office for the at large and assistance recipient commissioners.

General law requires county HRAs to have either five commissioners, or the same number of commissioners as there are members of the county's board. General law also requires that HRA commissioners reflect an areawide distribution in their representation, but does not require county boards to appoint one HRA commissioner from each county commissioner district. A 1999 special law allows Washington county to have three-year terms for its HRA commissioners; general law requires five-year terms.