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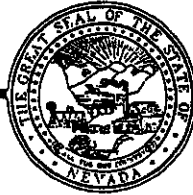
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 26, 2002  
TO: Assemblywoman Chris Giunchigliani  
FROM: Carol M. Stonefield, Senior Research Analyst  
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SUBJECT: Governance of Higher Education in Other States

This memorandum is written in response to your request to provide information on the means employed by other states to select members for the statewide higher education governing boards. Further, you requested examples of the selection process whereby the appointing authority had to follow specific statutory guidelines.

The information in the attached table was obtained through a search of databases maintained on-line by the Education Commission of the State (ECS). You will also find attached to this memorandum the detailed ECS summaries of the structure and selection process used in each state. In addition, an ECS table with information on institutional governing boards is included.

**HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES**

**Source of the Authority**

Thirty-one states have established their governance structure by statute. Sixteen states have provided for a governing structure in their constitutions. Because university systems have been separated from community college systems, two states establish their structures through a combination of constitutional provisions and statutes. One state, Vermont, does not have a statewide governance structure for higher education. With powerful institutional governing boards, Michigan provides very limited statewide coordination through its state board of education.

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