

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

ON

GOVERNMENT BILL REGARDING TITLED "THE HIGHER EDUCATION
COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026"

RAISED BY
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

ON 7TH APRIL, 2026

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR BUSHRA ANJUM BUTT
CHAIRPERSON SSC ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL
TRAINING

SENATE ECRETARIAT

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ON GOVERNMENT BILL REGARDING TITLED "THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026"

I, Senator Bushra Anjum Butt, Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, have the honor to present report of the Committee on government Bill **"THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026"** introduced by Dr. Khalid Maqboo Siddiqui, Minister for Education and Professional Training on 7th April, 2026.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under: -

1. Senator Bushra Anjum Butt	Chairperson
2. Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan	Member
3. Senator Ashraf Ali Jatoi	Member
4. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
5. Senator Falak Naz	Member
6. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
7. Senator Gurdeep Singh	Member
8. Senator Rahat Jamali	Member
9. Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
10. Senator Khalida Ateeb	Member
11. Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
12. Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan	Mover
13. Senator Shahadat Awan	Mover
14. Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up the matter in its meeting held on 11th February, 2026 which was attended by the following Members;

1. Senator Bushra Anjum Butt	Chairperson
2. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
3. Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
4. Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan	Member
5. Senator Khalida Ateeb	Member
6. Senator Rahat Jamali	Member




4. The committee discussed the bill wherein the Higher Education Commission (HEC) apprised the Committee of its current composition, noting a gender disparity, with five male and two female members on its Board. The Committee unanimously recommended that the Ministry of Law and Justice undertake the requisite measures to ensure uniform compliance with women's representation across all relevant entities. The bill was thereafter passed by the Committee as introduced in the Senate.

5. Thereafter, the said bill was passed. Copy of the said Bill introduced in the Senate is at **Annexure-A**. The Committee also gave approval of presentation of report of the Committee to the House. Hence, this report is presented to the House.



(GHULAM MUHAMMAD SHAR)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR BUSHRA ANJUM BUTT)
Chairperson Committee

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further to amend the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002

WHEREAS it is expedient ~~to amend the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002)~~ in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act shall be called the Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 6, Ordinance LIII of 2002.**— In the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002), in section 6, in sub-section (3),-

- (a) in clause (a), after the word "persons" the comma and words " , out of which three shall be members" shall be inserted; and
- (b) in clause (c), after the word "members" the comma and words " , out of which two shall be female" shall be inserted.

Karishma Mir
Section Officer (HEC)
Thursday, 21 August, 2025, 12:07 PM

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

Cabinet Division communicated Honorable Prime Minister's directive to ensure "representations in all Federal Boards, Statutory Bodies, Public Sector Organizations, Committees under the Federal Government (Task No. T16367C)" & substitute the "Government" with the "appropriate authority" in relevant laws and rules of the department in the preview of the Ministries/Divisions. In order to ensure compliance of the above directive of Federal Education and Professional Training has started process of making amendments in the existing laws / charters of the federal Universities / Higher Education Institutions in the ambit of the Ministry.

There is a dire need to bring adequate amendments in the existing Higher Education Ordinance 2002. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objects.



Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui
Federal Minister for
Federal Education & Professional Training