

WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC  
Form 8-K  
February 27, 2006

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): February 21, 2006

**WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-14667**  
(Commission File Number)

**91-1653725**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1201 THIRD AVENUE, WMT 1601**  
**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101**  
(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (206) 461-2000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**SECTION 5 – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On February 21, 2006, Willis B. Wood, Jr. notified the Board of Directors of Washington Mutual, Inc. (the "Company") that he has decided not to stand for re-election to the Company's Board at the Company's annual meeting of shareholders to be held on April 18, 2006 (the "Annual Meeting"). Mr. Wood's current director term expires as of the Annual Meeting and he would have become subject to the Company's director retirement policy during 2006.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 27, 2006

**WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC.**

/s/ Fay L. Chapman

By:

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Fay L. Chapman  
*Senior Executive Vice President*