
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5679

State of Washington

57th Legislature

2001 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Franklin and Kohl-Welles)

READ FIRST TIME 03/05/01.

1 AN ACT Relating to the HIV/AIDS prevention study committee;
2 creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the AIDS
5 omnibus act of 1988 created a network of HIV/AIDS prevention efforts
6 and programs in Washington state, establishing statewide policies,
7 programs, and procedures surrounding HIV/AIDS prevention and other
8 HIV/AIDS care services and programs. Since the original passage of the
9 AIDS omnibus act in 1988, the HIV/AIDS pandemic has changed
10 dramatically. Once impacting white, gay men, HIV/AIDS has increased
11 among the young, heterosexual women, people of color, and rural
12 communities. Consequently, the effective management and distribution
13 of funds and resources are necessary not only to maintain current
14 services, but also to meet the rising demands and needs of these new
15 populations.

16 (2) The HIV/AIDS prevention study committee is established to
17 consist of thirteen members. The president of the senate shall appoint
18 two members, one from each major party in the senate; the co-speakers
19 of the house of representatives shall appoint two members, one from

1 each major party in the house of representatives; and the governor
2 shall appoint eight members, including: Three members representing the
3 local public health; one member representing the state board of health;
4 and four members from the community, three of whom represent community-
5 based organizations, and one consumer representative living with
6 HIV/AIDS. The state health officer shall chair the committee.

7 (3) The HIV/AIDS prevention study committee shall meet at least six
8 times throughout 2001 at various locations around Washington. The
9 committee shall:

10 (a) Review the goals of prevention strategies under the AIDS
11 omnibus act in relation to trends in the current epidemic;

12 (b) Analyze funding streams and levels for the AIDS omnibus act and
13 other HIV/AIDS prevention funding; and

14 (c) Review the interaction and coordination of HIV/AIDS prevention
15 programs with care services.

16 (4) The department of health shall supply staffing and coordination
17 of this section.

18 (5) The committee shall submit a report of its findings and propose
19 specific recommendations to update the AIDS omnibus act to the
20 Washington state legislature in January 2002.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
23 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
24 immediately.

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