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By Representatives S. Hunt and Manweller; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to sunsetting a nonoperating advisory board  
2 reporting to the state patrol; amending RCW 13.60.110; creating a new  
3 section; and repealing RCW 13.60.120.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the advisory  
6 board on missing and exploited children that was established under RCW  
7 13.60.120 in 1999 has been an unmitigated success. The advisory board  
8 has provided critical advice to the Washington state patrol on the  
9 objectives, conduct, management, and coordination of the various  
10 activities of the task force on missing and exploited children in order  
11 to improve interagency communication and coordination since the task  
12 force unit was first formed up through 2010 since the advisory board  
13 last convened. The legislature further finds that the task force on  
14 missing and exploited children currently functions under the oversight  
15 of the Washington state patrol, has achieved a seamless communication  
16 and coordinated effort among and between Washington state agencies  
17 investigating child exploitation cases, and that the purposes and goals  
18 of the advisory board have been fully satisfied. The legislature  
19 therefore intends to ensure the multiagency task force on missing and

1 exploited children continues to operate under the oversight of the  
2 Washington state patrol and maintain its high standards of work  
3 identifying, arresting, and convicting those individuals who exploit  
4 children.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 13.60.110 and 2009 c 518 s 4 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) A task force on missing and exploited children is established  
8 in the Washington state patrol. The task force shall be under the  
9 direction of the chief of the state patrol.

10 (2) The task force is authorized to assist law enforcement  
11 agencies, upon request, in cases involving missing or exploited  
12 children by:

13 (a) Direct assistance and case management;

14 (b) Technical assistance;

15 (c) Personnel training;

16 (d) Referral for assistance from local, state, national, and  
17 international agencies; and

18 (e) Coordination and information sharing among local, state,  
19 interstate, and federal law enforcement and social service agencies.

20 (3) To maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of state resources  
21 and to improve interagency cooperation, the task force shall, where  
22 feasible, use existing facilities, systems, and staff made available by  
23 the state patrol and other local, state, interstate, and federal law  
24 enforcement and social service agencies. The chief of the state patrol  
25 may employ such additional personnel as are necessary for the work of  
26 the task force and may share personnel costs with other agencies.

27 (4) The chief of the state patrol shall seek public and private  
28 grants and gifts to support the work of the task force.

29 (5) For the purposes of (~~RCW 13.60.100 through 13.60.120~~) this  
30 chapter, "exploited children" means children under the age of eighteen  
31 who are employed, used, persuaded, induced, enticed, or coerced to  
32 engage in, or assist another person to engage in, sexually explicit  
33 conduct. "Exploited children" also means the rape, molestation, or use  
34 for prostitution of children under the age of eighteen.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 13.60.120 (Task force on missing and

1 exploited children--Advisory board) and 1999 c 168 s 3 are each  
2 repealed.

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