
SENATE BILL 5436

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1 AN ACT Relating to continuing the work of the joint legislative
2 executive committee on aging and disability; adding a new section to
3 chapter 74.39A RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.39A
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1)(a) A joint legislative executive committee on aging and
8 disability is established, with members as provided in this
9 subsection.

10 (i) Four members of the senate, with the leaders of the two
11 largest caucuses each appointing two members, who are voting members;

12 (ii) Four members of the house of representatives, with the
13 leaders of the two largest caucuses each appointing two members, who
14 are voting members;

15 (iii) A member from the office of the governor, appointed by the
16 governor, who shall serve as an ex officio member;

17 (iv) The secretary of the department of social and health
18 services or his or her designee, who shall serve as an ex officio
19 member;

20 (v) The director of the health care authority or his or her
21 designee, who shall serve as an ex officio member; and

1 (vi) The director of the department of retirement systems or his
2 or her designee, who shall serve as an ex officio member.

3 (b) The cochairs must be selected from among the members who are
4 legislators. The cochairs who served as the cochairs of the joint
5 legislative executive committee on aging and disability created in
6 section 206, chapter 4, Laws of 2013 2nd sp. sess. must convene the
7 initial meeting of the committee. All meetings of the committee are
8 open to the public.

9 (c) The purpose of the committee is to identify key strategic
10 actions to prepare for the aging of the population in Washington,
11 including state budget and policy options, by conducting at least,
12 but not limited to, the following tasks:

13 (i) Establish a profile of Washington's current population of
14 older people and people with disabilities and a projection of
15 population growth through 2030;

16 (ii) Establish an inventory of services and supports currently
17 available to older people and people with disabilities from the
18 health care and long-term services and support systems and other
19 community resources such as housing, transportation, income support,
20 and protection for vulnerable adults;

21 (iii) Identify state budget and policy options to more
22 effectively use state, federal, and private resources to, over time,
23 reduce the growth rate in state expenditures that would otherwise
24 occur by continuing current policy in light of significant population
25 growth;

26 (iv) Identify strategies to better serve the health care needs of
27 an aging population and people with disabilities and promote healthy
28 living;

29 (v) Identify policy options to create financing mechanisms for
30 long-term services and supports that will promote additional private
31 responsibility for individuals and families to meet their needs for
32 service;

33 (vi) Identify policies to promote financial security in
34 retirement, support people who wish to stay in the workplace longer,
35 and expand the availability of workplace retirement savings plans;
36 and

37 (vii) Identify policy options to help communities adapt to the
38 aging demographic in planning for housing, land use, and
39 transportation.

1 (d) The committee shall consult with the office of the insurance
2 commissioner, the caseload forecast council, the health care
3 authority, and other appropriate entities with specialized knowledge
4 of the needs and growth trends of the aging population and people
5 with disabilities.

6 (e) The office of program research, senate committee services,
7 the office of financial management, and the department of social and
8 health services shall provide staff support for the committee.

9 (f) Within existing appropriations, the cost of meetings must be
10 paid jointly by the senate, the house of representatives, and the
11 office of financial management. Joint committee expenditures are
12 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
13 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
14 successor committees. The committee members may be reimbursed for
15 travel expenses as authorized under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, and
16 chapter 44.04 RCW as appropriate. Advisory committee members may not
17 receive compensation or reimbursement for travel and expenses.

18 (2) This section expires December 1, 2020.

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