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By Senators Darneille, Dammeier, Schlicher, Conway, Roach, McAuliffe, Becker, Carrell, Delvin, and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to missing endangered persons; and amending RCW  
2 13.60.010 and 13.60.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.60.010 and 2009 c 20 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The Washington state patrol shall establish a missing children  
7 and endangered person clearinghouse which shall include the maintenance  
8 and operation of a toll-free, twenty-four-hour telephone hotline. The  
9 clearinghouse shall distribute information to local law enforcement  
10 agencies, school districts, the department of social and health  
11 services, and the general public regarding missing children and  
12 endangered persons. The information shall include pictures, bulletins,  
13 training sessions, reports, and biographical materials that will assist  
14 in local law enforcement efforts to locate missing children and  
15 endangered persons. The state patrol shall also maintain a regularly  
16 updated computerized link with national and other statewide missing  
17 person systems or clearinghouses, and within existing resources, shall  
18 develop and implement a plan, commonly known as an "~~amber-alert~~)  
19 endangered missing person advisory plan," for voluntary cooperation

1 between local, state, tribal, and other law enforcement agencies, state  
2 government agencies, radio and television stations, (~~and~~) cable and  
3 satellite systems, and social media pages and sites to enhance the  
4 public's ability to assist in recovering abducted children and missing  
5 endangered persons consistent with the state endangered missing person  
6 advisory plan.

7 (2) For the purposes of this chapter:

8 (a) "Child" or "children(~~(7)~~)" (~~as used in this chapter,~~) means  
9 an individual under eighteen years of age.

10 (b) "Missing endangered person" means a person believed to be in  
11 danger because of age, health, mental or physical disability, in  
12 combination with environmental or weather conditions, or is believed to  
13 be unable to return to safety without assistance.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 13.60.020 and 1985 c 443 s 23 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 Local law enforcement agencies shall file an official missing  
17 person report and enter biographical information into the state missing  
18 person computerized network within (~~twelve~~) six hours after  
19 notification of a missing child or endangered person is received under  
20 RCW 13.32A.050 (1)(a), (~~(3)~~) (c), or (~~(4)~~) (d), or an endangered  
21 missing person received pursuant to the state endangered missing person  
22 advisory plan. The patrol shall collect such information as will  
23 enable it to retrieve immediately the following information about a  
24 missing child or endangered person: Name, date of birth, social  
25 security number, fingerprint classification, relevant physical  
26 descriptions, and known associates and locations. Access to the  
27 preceding information shall be available to appropriate law enforcement  
28 agencies, and to parents and legal guardians, when appropriate.

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