

EHB 1620 - S AMD 269  
By Senator Short

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 35.21.920 and 2010 c 47 s 2 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) For the purpose of receiving criminal history record  
6 information by city or town officials, cities or towns may((~~τ~~)):

7 (a) By ordinance, require a state and federal background  
8 investigation of license applicants or licensees in occupations  
9 specified by ordinance ((for the purpose of receiving criminal  
10 history record information by city or town officials));

11 (b) By ordinance, require a federal background investigation of  
12 city or town employees, applicants for employment, volunteers,  
13 vendors, and independent contractors, who, in the course of their  
14 work or volunteer activity with the city or town, may have  
15 unsupervised access to children, persons with developmental  
16 disabilities, or vulnerable adults;

17 (c) Require a state criminal background investigation of city or  
18 town employees, applicants for employment, volunteers, vendors, and  
19 independent contractors, who, in the course of their work or  
20 volunteer activity with the city or town, may have unsupervised  
21 access to children, persons with developmental disabilities, or  
22 vulnerable adults; and

23 (d) Require a criminal background investigation conducted through  
24 a private organization of city or town employees, applicants for  
25 employment, volunteers, vendors, and independent contractors, who, in  
26 the course of their work or volunteer activity with the city or town,  
27 may have unsupervised access to children, persons with developmental  
28 disabilities, or vulnerable adults.

29 (2) The investigation conducted under subsection (1)(a) through  
30 (c) of this section shall consist of a background check as allowed  
31 through the Washington state criminal records privacy act under RCW  
32 10.97.050, the Washington state patrol criminal identification system

1 under RCW 43.43.832 through 43.43.834, and the federal bureau of  
2 investigation. ((These))

3 (3) The background checks conducted under subsection (1)(a)  
4 through (c) of this section must be done through the Washington state  
5 patrol identification and criminal history section and may include a  
6 national check from the federal bureau of investigation, which shall  
7 be through the submission of fingerprints. The Washington state  
8 patrol shall serve as the sole source for receipt of fingerprint  
9 submissions and the responses to the submissions from the federal  
10 bureau of investigation, which must be disseminated to the city or  
11 town.

12 (4) For a criminal background check conducted under subsection  
13 (1)(a) through (c) of this section, the city or town shall transmit  
14 appropriate fees for a state and national criminal history check to  
15 the Washington state patrol, unless alternately arranged. The cost of  
16 investigations conducted under this section shall be borne by the  
17 city or town.

18 (5) The authority for background checks outlined in this section  
19 is in addition to any other authority for such checks provided by  
20 law.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35A.21.370 and 2010 c 47 s 3 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 (1) For the purpose of receiving criminal history record  
24 information by code city officials, code cities may((~~τ~~)):

25 (a) By ordinance, require a state and federal background  
26 investigation of license applicants or licensees in occupations  
27 specified by ordinance ((for the purpose of receiving criminal  
28 history record information by code city officials)):

29 (b) By ordinance, require a federal background investigation of  
30 code city employees, applicants for employment, volunteers, vendors,  
31 and independent contractors, who, in the course of their work or  
32 volunteer activity with the code city, may have unsupervised access  
33 to children, persons with developmental disabilities, or vulnerable  
34 adults;

35 (c) Require a state criminal background investigation of code  
36 city employees, applicants for employment, volunteers, vendors, and  
37 independent contractors, who, in the course of their work or  
38 volunteer activity with the code city, may have unsupervised access

1 to children, persons with developmental disabilities, or vulnerable  
2 adults; and

3 (d) Require a criminal background investigation conducted through  
4 a private organization of code city employees, applicants for  
5 employment, volunteers, vendors, and independent contractors, who, in  
6 the course of their work or volunteer activity with the code city,  
7 may have unsupervised access to children, persons with developmental  
8 disabilities, or vulnerable adults.

9 (2) The investigation conducted under subsection (1)(a) through  
10 (c) of this section shall consist of a background check as allowed  
11 through the Washington state criminal records privacy act under RCW  
12 10.97.050, the Washington state patrol criminal identification system  
13 under RCW 43.43.832 through 43.43.834, and the federal bureau of  
14 investigation. ((These))

15 (3) The background checks conducted under subsection (1)(a)  
16 through (c) of this section must be done through the Washington state  
17 patrol identification and criminal history section and may include a  
18 national check from the federal bureau of investigation, which shall  
19 be through the submission of fingerprints. The Washington state  
20 patrol shall serve as the sole source for receipt of fingerprint  
21 submissions and the responses to the submissions from the federal  
22 bureau of investigation, which must be disseminated to the code city.

23 (4) For a criminal background check conducted under subsection  
24 (1)(a) through (c) of this section, the code city shall transmit  
25 appropriate fees for a state and national criminal history check to  
26 the Washington state patrol, unless alternately arranged. The cost of  
27 investigations conducted under this section shall be borne by the  
28 code city.

29 (5) The authority for background checks outlined in this section  
30 is in addition to any other authority for such checks provided by  
31 law.

32 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.01.300 and 2010 c 47 s 1 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34 (1) For the purpose of receiving criminal history record  
35 information by county officials, counties may((τ)):

36 (a) By ordinance, require a state and federal background  
37 investigation of license applicants or licensees in occupations  
38 specified by ordinance ((for the purpose of receiving criminal  
39 history record information by county officials));

1 (b) By ordinance, require a federal background investigation of  
2 county employees, applicants for employment, volunteers, vendors, and  
3 independent contractors, who, in the course of their work or  
4 volunteer activity with the county, may have unsupervised access to  
5 children, persons with developmental disabilities, or vulnerable  
6 adults;

7 (c) Require a state background investigation of county employees,  
8 applicants for employment, volunteers, vendors, and independent  
9 contractors, who, in the course of their work or volunteer activity  
10 with the county, may have unsupervised access to children, persons  
11 with developmental disabilities, or vulnerable adults; and

12 (d) Require a criminal background investigation conducted through  
13 a private organization of county employees, applicants for  
14 employment, volunteers, vendors, and independent contractors, who, in  
15 the course of their work or volunteer activity with the county, may  
16 have unsupervised access to children, persons with developmental  
17 disabilities, or vulnerable adults.

18 (2) The investigation conducted under subsection (1)(a) through  
19 (c) of this section shall consist of a background check as allowed  
20 through the Washington state criminal records privacy act under RCW  
21 10.97.050, the Washington state patrol criminal identification system  
22 under RCW 43.43.832 through 43.43.834, and the federal bureau of  
23 investigation. ((These))

24 (3) The background checks conducted under subsection (1)(a)  
25 through (c) of this section must be done through the Washington state  
26 patrol identification and criminal history section and may include a  
27 national check from the federal bureau of investigation, which shall  
28 be through the submission of fingerprints. The Washington state  
29 patrol shall serve as the sole source for receipt of fingerprint  
30 submissions and the responses to the submissions from the federal  
31 bureau of investigation, which must be disseminated to the county.

32 (4) For a criminal background check conducted under subsection  
33 (1)(a) through (c) of this section, the county shall transmit  
34 appropriate fees for a state and national criminal history check to  
35 the Washington state patrol, unless alternately arranged. The cost of  
36 investigations conducted under this section shall be borne by the  
37 county.

38 (5) The authority for background checks outlined in this section  
39 is in addition to any other authority for such checks provided by  
40 law.

1       **Sec. 4.** RCW 35.61.130 and 2006 c 222 s 1 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) A metropolitan park district has the right of eminent domain,  
4 and may purchase, acquire and condemn lands lying within or without  
5 the boundaries of said park district, for public parks, parkways,  
6 boulevards, aviation landings and playgrounds, and may condemn such  
7 lands to widen, alter and extend streets, avenues, boulevards,  
8 parkways, aviation landings and playgrounds, to enlarge and extend  
9 existing parks, and to acquire lands for the establishment of new  
10 parks, boulevards, parkways, aviation landings and playgrounds. The  
11 right of eminent domain shall be exercised and instituted pursuant to  
12 resolution of the board of park commissioners and conducted in the  
13 same manner and under the same procedure as is or may be provided by  
14 law for the exercise of the power of eminent domain by incorporated  
15 cities and towns of the state of Washington in the acquisition of  
16 property rights: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, Funds to pay for condemnation  
17 allowed by this section shall be raised only as specified in this  
18 chapter.

19       (2) The board of park commissioners shall have power to employ  
20 counsel, and to regulate, manage and control the parks, parkways,  
21 boulevards, streets, avenues, aviation landings and playgrounds under  
22 its control, and to provide for park police, for a secretary of the  
23 board of park commissioners and for all necessary employees, to fix  
24 their salaries and duties.

25       (3) The board of park commissioners shall have power to improve,  
26 acquire, extend and maintain, open and lay out, parks, parkways,  
27 boulevards, avenues, aviation landings and playgrounds, within or  
28 without the park district, and to authorize, conduct and manage the  
29 letting of boats, or other amusement apparatus, the operation of bath  
30 houses, the purchase and sale of foodstuffs or other merchandise, the  
31 giving of vocal or instrumental concerts or other entertainments, the  
32 establishment and maintenance of aviation landings and playgrounds,  
33 and generally the management and conduct of such forms of recreation  
34 or business as it shall judge desirable or beneficial for the public,  
35 or for the production of revenue for expenditure for park purposes;  
36 and may pay out moneys for the maintenance and improvement of any  
37 such parks, parkways, boulevards, avenues, aviation landings and  
38 playgrounds as now exist, or may hereafter be acquired, within or  
39 without the limits of said city and for the purchase of lands within  
40 or without the limits of said city, whenever it deems the purchase to

1 be for the benefit of the public and for the interest of the park  
2 district, and for the maintenance and improvement thereof and for all  
3 expenses incidental to its duties: PROVIDED, That all parks,  
4 boulevards, parkways, aviation landings and playgrounds shall be  
5 subject to the police regulations of the city within whose limits  
6 they lie.

7 ~~(4) ((For all employees, volunteers, or independent contractors,  
8 who may, in the course of their work or volunteer activity with the  
9 park district, have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable  
10 adults, or be responsible for collecting or disbursing cash or  
11 processing credit/debit card transactions,))~~

12 (a) For the purpose of receiving criminal history record  
13 information by metropolitan park districts, metropolitan park  
14 districts:

15 (i) Shall establish by resolution the requirements for a state  
16 and federal record check of park district employees, applicants for  
17 employment, volunteers, vendors, and independent contractors, who, in  
18 the course of their work or volunteer activity with the park  
19 district, may:

20 (A) Have unsupervised access to children, persons with  
21 developmental disabilities, or vulnerable adults; or

22 (B) Be responsible for collecting or disbursing cash or  
23 processing credit/debit card transactions; and

24 (ii) May require a criminal background check conducted through a  
25 private organization of park district employees, applicants for  
26 employment, volunteers, vendors, and independent contractors, who, in  
27 the course of their work or volunteer activity with the park  
28 district, may have unsupervised access to children, persons with  
29 developmental disabilities, or vulnerable adults. A background check  
30 conducted through a private organization under this subsection is not  
31 required in addition to the requirement under (a)(i) of this  
32 subsection.

33 (b) The investigation under (a)(i) of this subsection shall  
34 consist of a background check as allowed through the Washington state  
35 patrol criminal identification system under RCW 43.43.830 through  
36 43.43.834, the Washington state criminal records act under RCW  
37 10.97.030((~~7~~)) and 10.97.050, and ((~~through~~)) the federal bureau of  
38 investigation((~~, including a fingerprint check using a complete~~  
39 Washington state criminal identification fingerprint card)).

1       (c) The background checks conducted under (a)(i) of this  
2 subsection must be done through the Washington state patrol  
3 identification and criminal history section and may include a  
4 national check from the federal bureau of investigation, which shall  
5 be through the submission of fingerprints. The Washington state  
6 patrol shall serve as the sole source for receipt of fingerprint  
7 submissions and the responses to the submissions from the federal  
8 bureau of investigation, which must be disseminated to the  
9 metropolitan park district.

10       (d) The park district shall provide a copy of the record report  
11 to the employee, prospective employee, volunteer, vendor, or  
12 independent contractor.

13       (e) When necessary, as determined by the park district,  
14 prospective employees, volunteers, vendors, or independent  
15 contractors may be employed on a conditional basis pending completion  
16 of the investigation.

17       (f) If the employee, prospective employee, volunteer, vendor, or  
18 independent contractor has had a record check within the previous  
19 twelve months, the park district may waive the requirement upon  
20 receiving a copy of the record. ((The park district may in its  
21 discretion require that the prospective employee, volunteer, or  
22 independent contractor pay the costs associated with the record  
23 check.))

24       (g) For background checks conducted pursuant to (c) of this  
25 subsection, the metropolitan park district must transmit appropriate  
26 fees, as the Washington state patrol may require under RCW 10.97.100  
27 and 43.43.838, to the Washington state patrol, unless alternately  
28 arranged.

29       (h) The authority for background checks outlined in this section  
30 is in addition to any other authority for such checks provided by  
31 law."

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32       On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "checks;" strike the  
33 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 35.21.920,  
34 35A.21.370, 36.01.300, and 35.61.130."

EFFECT: Requires an ordinance before code cities and counties may require state and federal background checks on certain individuals.

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