

HB 1630 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.185C.180 and 2011 c 239 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) In order to improve services for the homeless, the
6 department, within amounts appropriated by the legislature for this
7 specific purpose, shall implement the Washington homeless client
8 management information system for the ongoing collection and updates
9 of information about all homeless individuals in the state.

10 (2) Information about homeless individuals for the Washington
11 homeless client management information system shall come from the
12 Washington homeless census and from state agencies and community
13 organizations providing services to homeless individuals and
14 families.

15 (a) Personally identifying information about homeless individuals
16 for the Washington homeless client management information system may
17 only be collected after having obtained informed, reasonably time
18 limited (i) written consent from the homeless individual to whom the
19 information relates, or (ii) telephonic consent from the homeless
20 individual, provided that written consent is obtained at the first
21 time the individual is physically present at an organization with
22 access to the Washington homeless client management information
23 system. Safeguards consistent with federal requirements on data
24 collection must be in place to protect homeless individuals' rights
25 regarding their personally identifying information.

26 (b) Data collection under this subsection shall be done in a
27 manner consistent with federally informed consent guidelines
28 regarding human research which, at a minimum, require that
29 individuals receive:

1 (i) Information about the expected duration of their
2 participation in the Washington homeless client management
3 information system;

4 (ii) An explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent
5 questions about the data collection and their rights regarding their
6 personal identifying information;

7 (iii) An explanation regarding whom to contact in the event of
8 injury to the individual related to the Washington homeless client
9 management information system;

10 (iv) A description of any reasonably foreseeable risks to the
11 homeless individual; and

12 (v) A statement describing the extent to which confidentiality of
13 records identifying the individual will be maintained.

14 (c) The department must adopt policies governing the appropriate
15 process for destroying Washington homeless client management
16 information system paper documents containing personally identifying
17 information when the paper documents are no longer needed. The
18 policies must not conflict with any federal data requirements.

19 (d) Any unaccompanied youth thirteen years of age or older may
20 give consent for the collection of his or her personally identifying
21 information under this section. However, for a service provider that
22 receives public funds including, but not limited to, federal, state,
23 and local funding, an unaccompanied youth thirteen years of age or
24 older seeking services must provide his or her personally identifying
25 information to receive any services from the service provider, in
26 accordance with applicable federal laws. "Unaccompanied" has the same
27 definition as in RCW 43.330.702.

28 (3) The Washington homeless client management information system
29 shall serve as an online information and referral system to enable
30 local governments and providers to connect homeless persons in the
31 database with available housing and other support services. Local
32 governments shall develop a capacity for continuous case management,
33 including independent living plans, when appropriate, to assist
34 homeless persons.

35 (4) The information in the Washington homeless client management
36 information system will also provide the department with the
37 information to consolidate and analyze data about the extent and
38 nature of homelessness in Washington state, giving emphasis to
39 information about the extent and nature of homelessness in Washington
40 state among families with children.

1 (5) The system may be merged with other data gathering and
2 reporting systems and shall:
3 (a) Protect the right of privacy of individuals;
4 (b) Provide for consultation and collaboration with all relevant
5 state agencies including the department of social and health
6 services, experts, and community organizations involved in the
7 delivery of services to homeless persons; and
8 (c) Include related information held or gathered by other state
9 agencies.
10 (6) Within amounts appropriated by the legislature, for this
11 specific purpose, the department shall evaluate the information
12 gathered and disseminate the analysis and the evaluation broadly,
13 using appropriate computer networks as well as written reports.
14 (7) The Washington homeless client management information system
15 shall be implemented by December 31, 2009, and updated with new
16 homeless client information at least annually."

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17 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "system;" strike the
18 remainder of the title and insert "; and amending RCW 43.185C.180."

EFFECT: Any unaccompanied youth thirteen years of age or older may give consent for the collection of his or her personally identifying information for entry into the Washington homeless client management information system. However, if the service provider receives public funding, such youth must provide this information to receive any services from the service provider, in accordance with federal law.

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