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**State of Washington 66th Legislature 2020 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Robinson, Davis, Chapman, Peterson, Callan, Lekanoff, Pollet, and Bergquist

AN ACT Relating to establishing the opioid epidemic response advisory council; and adding a new section to chapter 43.10 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 43.10 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The attorney general shall convene an advisory council to advise the legislature on how to use money received by the state as a result of litigation in which the state is a party against an opioid manufacturer or distributor relating to acts or omissions by the manufacturer or distributor that contributed to increased rates of opioid addiction in Washington.

(2) The advisory council must consist of one member appointed by the attorney general to represent each of the following:

(a) The pharmacy quality assurance commission;

(b) A statewide organization representing physicians;

(c) Substance use disorder professionals, opioid treatment programs, or sober living programs;

(d) A statewide organization representing providers of addiction medicine. The member appointed under this subsection (2)(d) must be an addiction psychiatrist;

(e) Providers of alternative pain management therapies, including acupuncture, chiropractic, or massage therapy;

(f) Nonprofit organizations conducting initiatives to address the opioid epidemic;

(g) A statewide organization representing ambulances. The member appointed under this subsection (2)(g) must be an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic;

(h) State courts. The member appointed under this subsection (2)(h) must be a judge or a law enforcement officer;

(i) Individuals in opioid addiction recovery;

(j) Individuals suffering from chronic pain, intractable pain, or rare diseases or conditions;

(k) Individuals with mental illness;

(l) A statewide organization representing hospitals;

(m) Local health jurisdictions;

(n) Behavioral health administrative services organizations; and

(o) Any other individuals or groups affected directly or indirectly by the opioid epidemic.

(3) In addition to the members appointed under subsection (2) of this section, the attorney general shall invite two tribal members to participate as voting members.

(4) The department of social and health services, the department of health, and the department of corrections shall each appoint one nonvoting member to the advisory council.

(5) The attorney general shall convene the advisory council within thirty days of moneys being received by the state as a result of litigation in which the state is a party against an opioid manufacturer or distributor relating to acts or omissions by the manufacturer or distributor that contributed to increased rates of opioid addiction in Washington.

(6) The advisory council shall, within thirty days of being convened under subsection (5) of this section, submit to the fiscal committees of the legislature recommendations on how the moneys received can best be utilized to prevent opioid addiction and treat victims of opioid addiction. When making its recommendations, the advisory council shall consider compensation for the most affected victims of the opioid epidemic, especially families that have specifically lost a loved one to an opiate overdose or whose lives have been devastated by the effects of opioids.

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