

HB 1056 - H AMD 229

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
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4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that domestic
5 violence causes physical and psychological harm, broken families,
6 economic loss, and other societal ills. According to the center for
7 disease control's national intimate partner and sexual violence
8 survey, about one in three women and one in three men reported
9 experiencing intimate partner violence in their lifetime. In
10 Washington in 2017, over fifty-four thousand domestic violence
11 offenses were reported to law enforcement and forty-nine domestic
12 violence homicides were committed.

13 (2) The legislature finds that the workplace may be the only
14 location in which an individual experiencing domestic violence may
15 be free from a perpetrator and feel safe. Individuals experiencing
16 domestic violence may also find the workplace a place of shared
17 confidences. Therefore, the legislature intends to create a task
18 force to explore ways in which the employer and employee community
19 may help curb domestic violence.

20 (3) This section expires June 30, 2021.

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22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of commerce shall
23 convene a task force on domestic violence and workplace resources to
24 identify the role of the workplace in helping to curb domestic
25 violence.

26 (2) The members of the task force are as provided in this
27 subsection. The department of commerce shall appoint:

- 1 (a) One member representing each of the following:
- 2 (i) The association of Washington business;
- 3 (ii) The national federation of independent business;
- 4 (iii) The Washington hospitality association;
- 5 (iv) The Washington retail association;
- 6 (v) The Washington state labor council;
- 7 (vi) The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs;
- 8 (vii) The Washington coalition against domestic violence; and
- 9 (viii) A federally recognized tribe;
- 10 (b) A business owner;
- 11 (c) A survivor of domestic violence; and
- 12 (d) Up to two additional members.
- 13 (3) The task force shall choose the chair or cochairs from among
- 14 its membership.
- 15 (4) The task force shall review the following issues:
- 16 (a) The role of the workplace in the lives of individuals
- 17 experiencing domestic violence;
- 18 (b) The appropriate role of employers and employees in helping
- 19 reduce the incidence of domestic violence; and
- 20 (c) Whether legislation is needed to address the issues outlined
- 21 in this subsection.
- 22 (5) The department of commerce shall convene the meetings and
- 23 provide staff support for the task force.
- 24 (6) The task force shall submit:
- 25 (a) A preliminary report with its findings and recommendations
- 26 to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1,
- 27 2019; and
- 28 (b) A final report with its findings and recommendations to the
- 29 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2020.
- 30 (7) This section expires June 30, 2021."

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Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Changes the group to be convened from a Joint Legislative Task Force staffed by the Office of Program Research and Senate Committee Services to a Task Force convened and staffed by the Department of Commerce. Removes the legislative membership of the Task Force. Requires the members of the group to be appointed by the Department of Commerce instead of by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. Adds a requirement for a preliminary report. Extends the expiration dates of the final report and the bill sections by one year.

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