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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that
8 maintenance and operation of a system of vital statistics and the
9 capturing of the cause of death for statistical and public health
10 purposes is essential to the interests of the state. "System of vital
11 statistics" means the registration, collection, preservation,
12 amendment, and certification of vital records; the collection of other
13 reports required by chapter 70.58 RCW; training activities related to
14 timely and accurate completion of vital records; and related
15 activities, including the tabulation, analysis, and publication of
16 vital statistics.

17 (2) The legislature further finds that the existing system hinders
18 the timely and accurate completion and filing of death certificates,
19 which causes hardships for bereaved families.

20 (3) In order to protect public health, achieve consistencies with
21 national standards for vital statistics systems, promote efficient
22 practices, and make use of available technologies, the legislature
23 recognizes that many antiquated laws and procedures developed over many
24 decades must be changed.

25 (4) The legislature recognizes it is necessary that the system be
26 maintained by the department of health in cooperation with appropriate
27 units of local government who have reporting requirements for births,
28 fetal deaths, deaths, marriages, and dissolutions."

1 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The vital statistics task force is
2 created, consisting of the secretary of health or a designee, the chair
3 of the house of representatives local government committee or a
4 designee, and the chair of the senate governmental operations committee
5 or a designee.

6 (2) The task force shall create a working group that includes
7 representatives of a broad range of affected interests, including
8 funeral service representatives, local health officers, local
9 registrars, research professionals, county coroners, county medical
10 examiners, hospital administrators, physicians, county officials, and
11 cemetery representatives. The working group shall provide information,
12 advice, and technical assistance to the task force. To the extent
13 possible, the members of the working group should be persons that have
14 been or are members of the center for health statistics advisory
15 committee.

16 (3) The task force shall report on its findings and recommendations
17 to the local government committee of the house of representatives and
18 the governmental operations committee of the senate by December 4,
19 1992. To complete the report, the department of health shall undertake
20 a review of the laws and procedures pertaining to vital statistics.
21 The report shall, at a minimum, address the following: Analysis of the
22 time restrictions placed on physicians and funeral directors, the
23 signing and filing of death certificates and by what method burial
24 transit permits are processed, who can issue permits and under what
25 circumstances, facilitating organ donation, timely disposition of
26 remains, and interstate transportation of the deceased."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "records;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "and creating new sections."