
SENATE BILL 6806

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1 AN ACT Relating to domestic violence; creating new sections; and
2 providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to study
5 the advisability of providing to all recipients of protection orders,
6 who are victims of domestic violence, wallet-size cards that would
7 provide to law enforcement all information necessary to enforce the
8 protection order.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The domestic violence hope card study
10 committee is established to review the advisability of providing
11 wallet-size cards bearing information regarding protection orders to
12 victims of domestic violence within Washington state. The committee
13 shall be composed of:

- 14 (a) Two senators, one from each caucus in the senate;
15 (b) Two representatives, one from each caucus in the house of
16 representatives;
17 (c) One representative of the Washington state attorney general's
18 office;

1 (d) One police chief appointed by the Washington association of
2 sheriffs and police chiefs;

3 (e) One elected sheriff appointed by the Washington association of
4 sheriffs and police chiefs;

5 (f) One representative of the Washington state patrol;

6 (g) One representative of the administrative office of the courts;

7 (h) One representative of a tribal government appointed by the
8 governor;

9 (i) One representative of the Washington association of criminal
10 defense lawyers; and

11 (j) One representative of a statewide domestic violence advocacy
12 group appointed by the governor.

13 (2) The committee shall review and analyze hope card programs
14 operating in Washington state and other states. Specifically, the
15 committee shall review:

16 (a) The practicality of requiring the statewide distribution of
17 wallet-size cards to victims of domestic violence that document the
18 existence of a protection order and provide identifying information
19 regarding the respondent, including a photograph, and contents of a
20 protection order in addition to contact information for the victim to
21 utilize the court system, gain access to domestic violence services,
22 and contact law enforcement;

23 (b) The information required to be provided to victims of domestic
24 violence under current law;

25 (c) Whether victims of domestic violence are receiving this
26 information;

27 (d) Whether any additional information should be included on the
28 cards provided to domestic violence victims;

29 (e) Costs, administrative, and capital equipment issues involved
30 with the implementation of such a program;

31 (f) How such a program could be implemented statewide; and

32 (g) Any other issues the committee finds relevant to the
33 distribution of hope cards to victims of domestic violence.

34 (3) Staff support shall be provided by senate committee services
35 and the office of program research.

36 (4) Legislative members of the study committee shall be reimbursed
37 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative

1 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
2 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
3 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

4 (5) A committee report, containing findings and proposed
5 legislation, if any, shall be delivered to the full legislature, not
6 later than December 31, 2006.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires June 30, 2007.

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