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1 AN ACT Relating to chronic kidney disease; creating a new section;  
2 and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that:

5 (a) A significant number of this state's population have some form  
6 of chronic kidney disease, including persons with seriously reduced  
7 kidney function that may progress to end stage renal disease, requiring  
8 kidney dialysis or the receipt of a kidney by transplant;

9 (b) End stage renal disease is usually the result of years of  
10 chronic kidney disease caused by diabetes, high blood pressure, or a  
11 family history of chronic kidney disease as the primary contributing  
12 factors;

13 (c) The treatment of chronic kidney disease is a significant  
14 expense, and the early diagnosis and effective treatment of chronic  
15 kidney disease can prolong lives and delay the high cost of treatment,  
16 including dialysis or transplantation, or both; and

17 (d) There are existing, cost-effective laboratory test calculations  
18 that can assist in the early diagnosis of chronic kidney disease.

1 The legislature, therefore, finds that a systematic study of  
2 chronic kidney disease and its impacts will benefit the public health  
3 and welfare of the state.

4 (2)(a) A joint legislative task force on chronic kidney disease is  
5 established, with members as provided in this subsection.

6 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from each  
7 of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

8 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one  
9 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
10 representatives.

11 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
12 representatives jointly shall appoint the following members:

13 (A) Three members who are physicians licensed to practice in this  
14 state, one each representing specialties in nephrology, pathology, and  
15 primary care;

16 (B) One member who is a registered nurse practicing in the renal  
17 field;

18 (C) One member representing a private renal care provider;

19 (D) One member representing a nonprofit kidney center;

20 (E) One member representing insurance carriers;

21 (F) One member representing hospitals or clinical laboratories;

22 (G) One member representing patients or a nongovernmental  
23 organization active in chronic kidney disease advocacy.

24 (iv) The governor shall appoint one member representing the health  
25 care authority.

26 (b) The department of health shall cooperate with the task force  
27 and provide information as the cochairs may reasonably request.

28 (c) The task force shall choose its cochairs from among its  
29 legislative membership.

30 (3) The task force shall:

31 (a) Study and make recommendations on all aspects of chronic kidney  
32 disease, including its complications and how the disease affects this  
33 state's population;

34 (b) Develop a plan to educate the public and health care  
35 professionals about the advantages and methods of early screening,  
36 diagnosis, and treatment of chronic kidney disease and its  
37 complications based on the kidney disease outcomes quality initiative

1 clinical practice guidelines for chronic kidney disease or other  
2 medically recognized clinical practice guidelines;

3 (c) Develop a plan to educate health care professionals and people  
4 with chronic kidney disease about early renal replacement therapy,  
5 including in-center dialysis, home hemodialysis, home peritoneal  
6 dialysis, as well as access options and transplantation, prior to the  
7 onset of end stage renal disease when kidney function is declining; and

8 (d) Make recommendations on the implementation of a cost-effective  
9 plan for early screening, diagnosis, and treatment for persons at risk  
10 of chronic kidney disease.

11 (4) Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the  
12 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of  
13 program research.

14 (5) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for  
15 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
16 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
17 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
18 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

19 (6) The expenses of the task force shall be paid jointly by the  
20 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are  
21 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee  
22 and the house executive rules committee, or their successor committees.

23 (7) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to  
24 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
25 December 1, 2007.

26 (8) This section expires January 1, 2008.

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