

**EHB 2957** - S AMD 901

By Senator Warnick

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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4 (1) A legislative task force on marine finfish net pen aquaculture  
5 is established. The purpose of the task force is to gather evidence  
6 and make recommendations regarding marine fin fish net pen  
7 aquaculture in state marine waters.

8 (2) The task force must consist of the following members:

9 (a) Two members from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate,  
10 appointed by the leaders of each major caucus of the senate;

11 (b) Two members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house  
12 of representatives, appointed by the leaders of each major caucus of  
13 the house of representatives;

14 (c) A representative from the department of ecology, appointed by  
15 the director of the department of ecology;

16 (d) A representative from the department of fish and wildlife,  
17 appointed by the director of the department of fish and wildlife;

18 (e) A representative from the natural resources board, appointed by  
19 a majority vote of the board;

20 (f) A representative from the department of agriculture, appointed  
21 by the director of the department of agriculture

22 (g) One representative from a nonnative finfish net pen aquaculture  
23 operator;

24 (h) One representative from a native finfish net pen aquaculture  
25 organization or operator;

26 (i) Representatives of two federally recognized Indian tribes; at  
27 least one of which must have aquaculture operations.

1 (j) Three representatives from the scientific community with an  
2 emphasis on salmon run recovery, salmon biology and health, and  
3 marine ecosystem health.

4 (k) One representative from the Washington Association of Fish  
5 Growers.

6 (3) The first meeting of the task force must occur by June 30, 2018.

7 (4) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the office  
8 of program research and senate committee services. The department of  
9 ecology and the department of fish and wildlife shall cooperate with  
10 the task force and provide information as the chair reasonably  
11 requests.

12 (5) Within existing appropriations, the expenses of the operations  
13 of the task force, including the expenses associated with the task  
14 force's meetings, must be paid jointly and in equal amounts by the  
15 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are  
16 subject to approval by the house executive rules committee and the  
17 senate facility and operations committee. Legislative members of the  
18 task force are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
19 44.04.120. Nonlegislative members are not entitled to be reimbursed  
20 for travel expenses if they are elected officials or are  
21 participating on behalf of an employer, governmental entity, or  
22 other organization. Any reimbursement for other nonlegislative  
23 members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

24 (7) The task force shall have two co-chairs. One co-chair shall be a  
25 member of the majority caucus from the S

26 (8) By November 15, 2019, the joint legislative task force must make  
27 recommendations to the legislature.

28 (9) The joint legislative task force expires December 31, 2019.

29 (10) This section expires January 1, 2020.

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EFFECT: Makes the bill a task force with recommendations  
required to the legislature by November 15, 2019.

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