

SSB 6158 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Public Safety

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) The sexual assault coordinated
4 community response task force is established within the office of the
5 attorney general with members as provided in this subsection. The
6 purpose of the task force is to develop model protocols ensuring that
7 adult or minor sexual assault victims receive a coordinated community
8 response when presenting for care at any hospital or clinic following
9 a sexual assault.

10 (b)(i) The caucus leaders from the senate shall appoint one
11 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

12 (ii) The caucus leaders from the house of representatives shall
13 appoint one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house
14 of representatives.

15 (iii) The attorney general, in consultation with the legislative
16 members of the task force, shall appoint:

17 (A) One member representing each of the following:

18 (I) The Washington state association of sheriffs and police
19 chiefs;

20 (II) The Washington association of prosecuting attorneys;

21 (III) The Washington defender association or the Washington
22 association of criminal defense lawyers;

23 (IV) The Washington association of cities;

24 (V) The Washington association of county officials;

25 (VI) The Washington superior court judges association;

26 (VII) The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs;

27 (VIII) The office of crime victims advocacy;

28 (IX) The Washington state hospital association;

29 (X) The Washington state nurses association;

30 (XI) The office of the attorney general;

31 (XII) The Washington state medical association; and

32 (XIII) The children's advocacy centers of Washington;

1 (B) Two providers from a community sexual assault program, one
2 representative from a program serving an urban community, and one
3 representative from a program serving a rural community;

4 (C) Two members representing survivors of sexual assault;

5 (D) Two members representing sexual assault nurse examiners, one
6 representative of a sexual assault nurse examiner serving an urban
7 community, and one representative of a sexual assault nurse examiner
8 serving a rural community;

9 (E) Two members representing children's advocacy centers, one
10 representative from a center serving an urban community, and one
11 representative from a center serving a rural community.

12 (2) The duties of the task force include, but are not limited to:

13 (a) Researching, reviewing, and making recommendations for best
14 practice models in this state and from other states for collaborative
15 and coordinated responses to sexual assault victims beginning with
16 their arrival at a hospital or clinic;

17 (b) Researching and identifying any existing gaps in trauma-
18 informed, victim-centered care and support and sexual assault victim
19 resources in Washington;

20 (c) Researching, identifying, and making recommendations for
21 securing nonstate funding for implementing a standardized and
22 coordinated community response to provide appropriate support for
23 sexual assault victims;

24 (d) Researching, identifying, and making recommendations for any
25 legislative policy options for providing a coordinated community
26 response for victims of sexual assault; and

27 (e) Collaborating with the legislature, state agencies, medical
28 facilities, and local governments to implement coordinated community
29 responses for sexual assault victims consistent with best practices
30 and standardized protocols including but not limited to issues of
31 access to sexual assault specific services, potential for assistance
32 from the crime victims' compensation program, legal advocacy from
33 system-based and community-based advocates, privacy of medical
34 records, and access to necessary information among responding
35 professionals and service providers.

36 (3) The office of the attorney general shall administer and
37 provide staff support to the task force.

38 (4) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for
39 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
40 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are

1 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
2 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

3 (5) The task force must meet no less than twice annually.

4 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations
5 to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the governor by
6 December 1st of each year.

7 (7) This section expires December 31, 2022."

8 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Retains all provisions of the underlying bill, and adds one member representing the Children's Advocacy Centers of Washington and one member representing the Washington State Nurses Association to the Sexual Assault Coordinated Community Response Task Force.

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