

2SSB 6591 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care & Wellness

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71.32
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The health care authority shall facilitate a work group to
6 examine the use of mental health advance directives in Washington,
7 how to improve and promote awareness and utilization of mental health
8 advance directives in Washington, examine barriers and outcomes, and
9 advise the legislature in the updating of the mental health advance
10 directive law.

11 (2) The work group shall be convened by the health care authority
12 and invite participation from behavioral health advocates, including
13 but not limited to disability rights Washington, the national
14 alliance on mental illness, and mothers of the mentally ill; peers
15 and peer advocates; hospitals; physicians; psychiatrists; community
16 behavioral health agencies; dementia advocates; the Washington state
17 bar association elder law section; Seattle University school of law;
18 the Washington state long-term care ombuds; managed care
19 organizations; designated crisis responders; jails; and others at the
20 discretion of the health care authority.

21 (3) The work group shall meet not less than quarterly, starting
22 during the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2020, and submit a final
23 report to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature
24 by October 1, 2021.

25 (4) This section expires June 30, 2024."

26 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Adds psychiatrists to the Health Care Authority work
group on the use of mental health advance directives.

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