

SHB 1054 - H AMD 177

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1 On page 2, beginning on line 15, after "(1)" strike all material  
2 through "section" on line 18 and insert "The criminal justice training  
3 commission shall convene a work group to develop a model policy for  
4 the training and use of canine teams.

5 (2) The criminal justice training commission must ensure that the  
6 work group is equally represented between community and law  
7 enforcement stakeholders, including the following: Families who have  
8 lost loved ones as a result of violent interactions with law  
9 enforcement; an organization advocating for civil rights; a state-wide  
10 organization advocating for Black Americans; a state-wide organization  
11 advocating for Latinos; a state-wide organization advocating for Asian  
12 Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Native Hawaiians; a federally  
13 recognized tribe located in Washington state; a community organization  
14 from eastern Washington working on police accountability; a community  
15 organization from western Washington working on police accountability;  
16 a community organization serving persons who are unhoused; the faith-  
17 based community with advocacy on police accountability; an emergency  
18 room doctor with relevant experience; Washington association of  
19 sheriffs and police chiefs; Washington state patrol; Washington  
20 fraternal order of police; Washington council of police and sheriffs;  
21 Washington state patrol troopers association; council of metropolitan  
22 police and sheriffs; teamsters local 117; and Washington state police  
23 canine association.

24 (3) The model policy work group shall consider:

25 (a) Training curriculum, including the history of race and  
26 policing;

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1 (b) Circumstances where the deployment of a canine may not be  
2 appropriate;

3 (c) Circumstances where deployment of a canine on leash may be  
4 appropriate;

5 (d) Strategies for reducing the overall rate of canine bites;

6 (e) Circumstances where a canine handler should consider the use  
7 of tactics other than deploying a canine;

8 (f) Explicitly prohibiting the use of canines for crowd control  
9 purposes;

10 (g) Canine reporting protocols;

11 (h) Circumstances where the use of voluntary canines and canine  
12 handlers may be appropriate; and

13 (i) Identifying circumstances that would warrant the  
14 decertification of canine teams.

15 (4) The criminal justice training commission shall publish the  
16 model policy on its website by January 1, 2022.

17 (5) This section expires July 1, 2022"

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EFFECT:

- Removes the prohibition on the use of police dogs for apprehending and arresting persons. Instead, requires the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) to convene a work group to develop a model policy on the training and use of canine teams.
- Provides that the CJTC must ensure that the work group is equally represented between community and law enforcement stakeholders, including the following: Families who have lost loved ones as a result of violent interactions with law enforcement; an organization advocating for civil rights; a state-wide organization advocating for Black Americans, a state-wide organization advocating for Latinos; a state-wide organization advocating for Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Native Hawaiians; a federally recognized tribe located in the state; a community organization from eastern Washington working on police accountability; a community organization from western Washington working on police accountability; a community organization serving persons who are unhoused; the faith-based community with advocacy on police accountability; an emergency room doctor with relevant experience; Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs; Washington State Patrol; Washington Fraternal Order

of Police; Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs;  
Washington State Patrol Troopers Association; Council of  
Metropolitan Police and Sheriffs; Teamsters Local 117; and  
Washington State Police Canine Association.

- Requires the working group to consider the following when developing the model policies: Training curriculum, including the history of race and policing; circumstances where the deployment of a canine may not be appropriate; circumstances where deployment of a canine on leash may be appropriate; strategies for reducing the overall rate of canine bites; circumstances where a canine handler should consider the use of tactics other than deploying a canine; explicitly prohibiting the use of canines for crowd control purposes; canine reporting protocols; circumstances where the use of voluntary canines and canine handlers may be appropriate; and identifying circumstances that would warrant the decertification of canine teams.
- Requires the Criminal Justice Training Commission to publish the model policy on its website by January 1, 2022.

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