

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1646

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Yeas 98 Nays 0

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

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Yeas 49 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1646** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Bateman, Harris, Leavitt, Walen, Dolan, Bronoske, Callan, Eslick, Goodman, Macri, Simmons, Tharinger, Kloba, Stonier, Davis, Riccelli, and Ormsby)

READ FIRST TIME 01/21/22.

1 AN ACT Relating to continuing the work of the dementia action
2 collaborative; adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; creating a
3 new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) In 2020, an estimated 120,000 Washingtonians age 65 and older
7 were living with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia and the
8 number is expected to rise to 140,000 by 2025;

9 (2) Dementia affects the whole family in many ways, including
10 pulling family members, most often women, out of the workforce to
11 care for their loved ones with the disease;

12 (3) There are an estimated 295,000 unpaid caregivers in
13 Washington providing 426,000,000 total hours of unpaid care annually;

14 (4) The legislature authorized the preparation of the first
15 Washington state plan to address Alzheimer's disease and other
16 dementias in 2016; and

17 (5) There is great value in continuing to improve awareness and
18 services for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other
19 dementias, and reestablishing the formal dementia action
20 collaborative to update the state plan and make recommendations is
21 essential.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) The dementia action collaborative is established with members
4 as provided in this subsection.

5 (a) The governor shall appoint the following members, and may
6 appoint additional members at the governor's discretion:

7 (i) A representative of the governor's office;

8 (ii) A representative and an alternate from the department in the
9 aging and long-term support administration;

10 (iii) A representative and an alternate from the department in
11 the developmental disabilities administration;

12 (iv) A representative and an alternate from the department of
13 health;

14 (v) A representative and an alternate from the health care
15 authority;

16 (vi) A representative and an alternate from the office of the
17 state long-term care ombuds;

18 (vii) At least one person with Alzheimer's disease or another
19 dementia;

20 (viii) A caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease or
21 another dementia;

22 (ix) A representative of the University of Washington's memory
23 and brain wellness center;

24 (x) A representative of an organization representing area
25 agencies on aging;

26 (xi) A representative of an association representing long-term
27 care facilities in Washington;

28 (xii) A representative of an association representing physicians
29 in Washington;

30 (xiii) A representative of a Washington-based organization of
31 volunteers, family, and friends of those affected by Alzheimer's
32 disease and other dementias;

33 (xiv) A representative of an Alzheimer's advocacy organization;

34 (xv) An attorney who specializes in elder law;

35 (xvi) An Alzheimer's disease researcher;

36 (xvii) A representative of an organization representing emergency
37 medical service providers in Washington;

38 (xviii) An expert in workforce development;

39 (xix) A representative of the Washington state council on aging;

40 (xx) A representative of the governor's office of Indian affairs;

1 (xxi) A licensed behavioral health provider with clinical
2 expertise in Alzheimer's disease or other dementias;

3 (xxii) A representative of a health care organization that
4 primarily serves people of color, including seniors; and

5 (xxiii) A nurse with expertise in serving individuals with
6 Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

7 (b) In appointing members to the dementia action collaborative,
8 the governor shall give priority to persons who had previously served
9 on the Alzheimer's disease working group established pursuant to
10 chapter 89 (Senate Bill No. 6124), Laws of 2014, and its successor
11 work groups.

12 (2)(a) The secretary or the secretary's designee shall convene
13 the dementia action collaborative and submit all required reports.
14 The secretary or the secretary's designee shall serve as the cochair
15 with either the member representing an Alzheimer's disease advocacy
16 organization or the member representing the Washington-based
17 organization of volunteers, family, and friends of those affected by
18 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

19 (b) The department shall provide any necessary administrative
20 support to the dementia action collaborative.

21 (c) Meetings of the dementia action collaborative must be open to
22 the public. At least one meeting each year must accept comments on
23 the dementia action collaborative's proposed recommendations from
24 members of the public, including comments from persons and families
25 affected by Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. The department
26 must use technological means, such as web casts, to assure public
27 participation.

28 (3)(a) The dementia action collaborative must assess the current
29 and future impacts of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias on
30 Washington residents, including:

31 (i) Examining progress in implementing the Washington state
32 Alzheimer's plan adopted in 2016;

33 (ii) Assessing available services and resources for serving
34 persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, as well as
35 their families and caregivers;

36 (iii) Examining and developing strategies to rectify disparate
37 effects of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias on people of
38 color; and

39 (iv) Developing a strategy to mobilize a state response to this
40 public health crisis.

1 (b) In addition to the activities in (a) of this subsection, the
2 dementia action collaborative must review and revise the Washington
3 state Alzheimer's plan adopted in 2016, and any subsequent revisions
4 to that plan. Revisions to the plan must evaluate and address:

5 (i) Population trends related to Alzheimer's disease and other
6 dementias, including:

7 (A) Demographic information related to Washington residents
8 living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias, including average
9 age, average age at first diagnosis, gender, race, and comorbidities;
10 and

11 (B) Disparities in the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and
12 other dementias between different racial and ethnic populations;

13 (ii) Existing services, resources, and health care system
14 capacity, including:

15 (A) The types, cost, and availability of dementia services,
16 medicaid reimbursement rates for dementia services, and the effect of
17 medicaid reimbursement rates on the availability of dementia
18 services;

19 (B) Dementia-specific training requirements for long-term
20 services and supports staff;

21 (C) The needs of public safety and law enforcement to respond to
22 persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias;

23 (D) The availability of home and community-based resources,
24 including respite care and other services to assist families, for
25 persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias;

26 (E) Availability of long-term dementia care beds, regardless of
27 payer;

28 (F) State funding and Alzheimer's disease research through
29 Washington universities and other resources; and

30 (G) Advances in knowledge regarding brain health, dementia, and
31 risk reduction related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias
32 since the adoption of the Washington state Alzheimer's plan
33 established in 2016.

34 (4) The department must submit a report of the dementia action
35 collaborative's findings and recommendations to the governor and the
36 legislature in the form of an updated Washington state Alzheimer's
37 plan no later than October 1, 2023. The department must submit annual
38 updates and recommendations of the dementia action collaborative for
39 legislative and executive branch agency action to the governor and
40 the legislature each October 1st, beginning October 1, 2024.

1 (5) This section expires June 30, 2028.

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