On page 9, after line 32 of the striking amendment, insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 4.

(1) The office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs shall contract with an outside entity to:

(a) Gather data regarding the number of unsheltered homeless youth under age 18 in Washington state; and

(b) Develop recommendations for supporting unsheltered homeless youth under age 18 in Washington state.

(2) By July 1, 2024, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs shall submit the information and recommendations described in subsection (1) of this section to the appropriate committees of the legislature."

EFFECT: Requires that the Office of Homeless Youth (OHY) contract with an outside entity to gather data regarding the number of unsheltered homeless youth under age 18 in the state and develop recommendations for supporting these youth. Requires the OHY to submit the information and recommendations to the Legislature by July 1, 2024.

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