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By Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that carbon
4 monoxide poisoning kills at least 430 people in the United States
5 every year and 50,000 people seek medical care to treat the adverse
6 effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide gas is odorless
7 and colorless, making it difficult for people to protect themselves
8 and detect an issue that can cause sudden illness, death, and
9 lifelong disability. Washington state has already enacted
10 requirements for carbon monoxide alarms in residences. Therefore, the
11 legislature intends to direct state agencies to collaborate on a
12 study of what Washington state is doing to prevent carbon monoxide
13 poisoning from sources outside of the home and what the state might
14 reasonably do to keep people safe.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) By September 1, 2023, the department
16 of health must convene an interagency carbon monoxide work group
17 consisting of representatives of the department of ecology, the
18 Washington state patrol, and the office of the attorney general. The
19 interagency carbon monoxide work group must nominate a chair and the
20 chair may designate up to two additional participants with subject
21 matter expertise to participate on the work group.

22 (2) The purpose of the interagency carbon monoxide work group is
23 to produce a report regarding current and recommended future state
24 agency activities to:

25 (a) Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning from sources outside of the
26 home;

27 (b) Increase awareness of carbon monoxide among the most at-risk
28 populations;

29 (c) Collect data on the number of incidents of carbon monoxide
30 poisoning and their causes in Washington, in order to track the
31 reduction of such incidents over time; and

1 (d) Identify any opportunities to seek federal grants or other
2 sources of funding available for public awareness campaigns related
3 to carbon monoxide harm avoidance.

4 (3) The interagency carbon monoxide work group must submit a
5 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the
6 governor by December 1, 2024, that contains recommendations on new
7 policy changes and other actions that could be taken to reduce carbon
8 monoxide poisoning in Washington.

9 (4) This section expires July 1, 2026.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act may be known and cited as Mary's
11 law."

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12 On page 1, beginning on line 2 of the title, after "health;"
13 strike the remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections;
14 and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Requires the work group to include a representative of
the Washington state patrol, rather than a representative of the
director of the forensic laboratory services at the Washington state
patrol.

Removes the department of transportation as a member of the
interagency carbon monoxide work group.

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