

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1779**

68th Legislature  
2023 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 14, 2023  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 10, 2023  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**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 1779** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**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 Environment & Energy (originally sponsored by Representatives Mosbrucker, Dye, and Pollet)

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/23.

1        AN ACT Relating to reducing toxic air pollution that threatens  
2 human health; creating new sections; and providing an expiration  
3 date.

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

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

17        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) By September 1, 2023, the department  
18 of health must convene an interagency carbon monoxide work group  
19 consisting of representatives of the department of ecology, the  
20 Washington state patrol, and the office of the attorney general. The

1 interagency carbon monoxide work group must nominate a chair and the  
2 chair may designate up to two additional participants with subject  
3 matter expertise to participate on the work group.

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

7 (a) Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning from sources outside of the  
8 home;

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

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

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

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

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

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act may be known and cited as Mary's  
24 law.

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