
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5398

State of Washington

68th Legislature

2023 Regular Session

By Senate Human Services (originally sponsored by Senators MacEwen and L. Wilson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/15/23.

1 AN ACT Relating to domestic violence funding allocation; creating
2 a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The domestic violence services program
5 within the department of social and health services shall convene a
6 work group to review and update the formula used to determine the
7 allocation of funding for domestic violence victim services agencies.

8 (2) The work group shall include, but is not limited to,
9 representatives of the following:

10 (i) The department of social and health services;

11 (ii) The office of crime victims advocacy;

12 (iii) The Washington state coalition against domestic violence;

13 (iv) A minimum of nine department contracted domestic violence
14 victim services agencies, three each from the department of social
15 and health services' regions 1, 2, and 3 representing both small and
16 large capacity shelters; and

17 (v) Three at-large community-based or tribal domestic violence
18 victim services providers.

19 (3) The department of social and health services may hire
20 external consultants, as needed, to assist with the goals of the work
21 group.

1 (4) By December 1, 2023, the work group shall develop formulation
2 allocation recommendations and, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036,
3 provide a copy of the recommendations to the appropriate committees
4 of the legislature.

5 (5) While the final decision regarding to implement the formula
6 allocation recommendations of the work group rests with the
7 department, implementation of any of the funding allocation
8 recommendations shall be effective starting July 1, 2024.

9 (6) This section expires August 1, 2024.

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