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**SENATE BILL 6134**

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**By** Senators Gildon and L. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to preventing overdose and illicit use of opioids  
2 in Washington state; adding new sections to chapter 43.70 RCW; and  
3 making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The department shall work with emergency medical service  
8 providers, emergency departments, state and local law enforcement  
9 agencies, sheriffs' offices, and coroners to create a system for  
10 mapping reported incidents of fatal and nonfatal drug overdoses and  
11 synthetic opiate poisonings in Washington state. Emergency  
12 departments, state and local law enforcement agencies, sheriffs'  
13 offices, and coroners are encouraged to report data not more than 24  
14 hours after the incident or after receiving the incident toxicology  
15 report. All incident data must be made available to the department.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70  
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1) The department shall convene stakeholders for the purpose of  
19 developing recommendations for the establishment of a Washington  
20 state opioid overdose trends review committee responsible for:

1 (a) Identifying and reviewing fatal and nonfatal drug overdoses  
2 in the state of Washington;

3 (b) Identifying the causes of overdoses and overdose-related  
4 deaths, and conducting a review of other factors including, but not  
5 limited to, housing status or criminal justice system involvement;

6 (c) Developing recommendations to address preventable overdose-  
7 related deaths, including legislation, policies, areas for scientific  
8 research, rules, training, and best practices that support the health  
9 and safety of individuals who use substances that may cause  
10 overdoses, and prevent overdose-related deaths;

11 (d) Making annual policy-related and funding-related  
12 recommendations to the governor and the legislature about drug  
13 trends, including synthetic drugs that may impact the health and  
14 well-being of Washingtonians and that present a high risk for causing  
15 overdose-related deaths; and

16 (e) Establishing a process for data sharing between state  
17 departments, counties, local health jurisdictions, and other relevant  
18 entities in order to access necessary data concerning fatal and  
19 nonfatal drug-related overdoses in Washington.

20 (2) In convening the interested stakeholders pursuant to  
21 subsection (1) of this section, the department shall invite a variety  
22 of interested stakeholders, including public health experts,  
23 physicians, law enforcement, coroners, and persons who have  
24 experienced an overdose.

25 (3) The department shall establish the Washington state opioid  
26 overdose trends review committee by September 1, 2026.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of \$7,000,000, or as much thereof  
28 as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June  
29 30, 2025, from the general fund to the Washington association of  
30 sheriffs and police chiefs for the purpose of administering a grant  
31 program for multijurisdictional drug task forces. The Washington  
32 association of sheriffs and police chiefs shall require grant  
33 recipients to adhere to the same peer review and reporting  
34 requirements that existed for recipients of the Edward Byrne memorial  
35 justice assistance grant funds as those requirements existed on  
36 January 1, 2023. The Washington association of sheriffs and police

1 chiefs may retain up to five percent of the amounts provided in this  
2 section for administration of the program.

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