

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1779

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INTERAGENCY CARBON MONOXIDE WORK GROUP

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LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

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Yeas 49 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

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JAY INSLEE

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.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

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May 5, 2023

**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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