

SSB 5282 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Community Safety

NOT CONSIDERED 04/27/2025

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 13.60
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 The advisory board on missing and exploited children is
6 established to advise the chief of the Washington state patrol on the
7 objectives, conduct, management, and coordination of the various
8 activities of the task force on missing and exploited children. The
9 intent of the advisory board is to ensure the protection of children
10 who have experienced exploitation or are at risk of harm, while also
11 holding accountable those who exploit or might exploit a child.

12 (1) The chief of the Washington state patrol shall appoint seven
13 members to the advisory board as provided herein:

14 (a) One member shall be a county prosecuting attorney or a
15 representative and shall be appointed in consultation with the
16 elected county prosecuting attorneys;

17 (b) One member shall be a municipal police chief or a county
18 sheriff, or their representative, and shall be appointed in
19 consultation with the association of sheriffs and police chiefs under
20 RCW 36.28A.010;

21 (c) One member shall be a representative of the Washington state
22 patrol;

23 (d) One member shall be a defense attorney or a representative
24 and shall be appointed in consultation with the Washington
25 association of criminal defense lawyers;

26 (e) One member shall be a member of a federally recognized tribe
27 with knowledge or experience related to the various activities of the
28 task force and shall be appointed in consultation with the Washington
29 state patrol tribal liaison;

30 (f) One member shall be a certified sex offender treatment
31 provider and shall be appointed in consultation with the Washington
32 association for the treatment of sexual abusers; and

1 (g) One member shall be a person with direct lived experience of
2 child abduction or child exploitation. This position is intended for
3 someone who was victimized as a child or the parent of a child victim
4 of abduction or exploitation.

5 (2) One member shall be a representative of and appointed by the
6 attorney general.

7 (3) To improve interagency communication and coordination, the
8 chief of the Washington state patrol shall invite representatives of
9 federal law enforcement agencies and state social service agencies to
10 participate in the advisory board.

11 (4) The members of the advisory board shall be qualified on the
12 basis of knowledge and experience as may contribute to the effective
13 performance of the board's duties. The advisory board shall elect its
14 own chair from among its members. Meetings of the advisory board may
15 be convened at the call of the chair or by a majority of the members.

16 (5) The term of each member of the advisory board shall be two
17 years and shall be conditioned upon the member retaining the official
18 position from which the member was appointed.

19 (6) The advisory board shall meet on at least an annual basis.

20 (7) By December 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the advisory
21 board must submit a report to the appropriate committees of the
22 legislature. The report must include:

23 (a) Details regarding reactive sting operations and proactive
24 sting operations conducted by the task force on missing and exploited
25 children in the reporting year, including:

26 (i) The total number of reactive sting operations and proactive
27 sting operations conducted;

28 (ii) The number of exploited children rescued as a result of
29 reactive sting operations and proactive sting operations; and

30 (iii) Statistics regarding the people arrested and sentenced as a
31 result of reactive sting operations and proactive sting operations,
32 including:

33 (A) The positions of trust held by arrested individuals,
34 including teachers, coaches, doctors, and similar figures;

35 (B) The type of access to children that arrested individuals had
36 or have;

37 (C) The demographics of arrested individuals;

38 (D) Materials that individuals were arrested with, including
39 items they intended to use in sexual acts with children;

1 (E) The ages of the children that arrested individuals intended
2 to engage in sexual contact with;

3 (F) The conduct an arrested individual proposed to engage in with
4 children; and

5 (G) The number of arrested individuals who confessed to or who,
6 based on an investigation, are believed to have previously engaged in
7 sexual abuse of children;

8 (b) Assessments of the objectives, conduct, achievements, and
9 performance outcomes of the task force on missing and exploited
10 children; and

11 (c) Recommendations, if any, to better achieve the objectives of
12 the task force on missing and exploited children."

13 Correct the title.

EFFECT: • Adds a statement of intent for the Advisory Board on
Missing and Exploited Children (Board).

• Clarifies who is qualified for the Board position reserved for
a person with direct lived experience of child abduction or child
exploitation.

• Expands what information the Board must include in its annual
report to the Legislature for people arrested as a result of reactive
and proactive sting operations.

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