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**HOUSE BILL 1455**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Representatives Griffey, Caldier, Jacobsen, Davis, Eslick, and Simmons

Read first time 01/21/25. Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

1 AN ACT Relating to funding the state toxicology laboratories to  
2 process submissions for drug and alcohol impairment cases in a timely  
3 manner; and adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The state patrol, subject to appropriation, must hire a  
8 sufficient number of staff to ensure that the toxicology laboratory  
9 or laboratories can process submissions for drug and alcohol  
10 impairment cases within one week of the time the sample arrives at  
11 the laboratory. The chief must submit to the house appropriations  
12 committee and the senate ways and means committee, in accordance with  
13 the office of financial management budget submittal guidelines, the  
14 amount necessary to fund the toxicology labs as required in this  
15 section.

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