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By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Wellman, Dhingra, Frame, Krishnadasan, Nobles, Riccelli, Saldaña, Trudeau, Valdez, and C. Wilson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reestablishing the advisory board for the
2 missing and exploited children task force; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 13.60 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 13.60
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The advisory board on missing and exploited children is
8 established to advise the chief of the Washington state patrol on the
9 objectives, conduct, management, and coordination of the various
10 activities of the task force on missing and exploited children.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 (g) One member shall be a person with direct lived experience of
12 child abduction or child exploitation.

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

15 (3) To improve interagency communication and coordination, the
16 chief of the Washington state patrol shall invite representatives of
17 federal law enforcement agencies and state social service agencies to
18 participate in the advisory board.

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

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

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

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

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

34 (i) The total number of reactive sting operations and proactive
35 sting operations conducted;

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

38 (iii) Statistics regarding the people arrested and sentenced as a
39 result of reactive sting operations and proactive sting operations;

1 (b) Assessments of the objectives, conduct, achievements, and
2 performance outcomes of the task force on missing and exploited
3 children; and

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

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