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**Criminal Justice & Corrections  
Committee**

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**HB 1681**

**Brief Description:** Extending and adding a member to the joint task force on criminal background check processes.

**Sponsors:** Representatives B. Sullivan, Darneille, Chase, Appleton, Upthegrove and Lovick.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Extends the Criminal Background Check Processes Task Force one additional year.
- Adds a representative from a for-profit agency that serves children and vulnerable adults on the task force.

**Hearing Date:** 2/15/05

**Staff:** Yvonne Walker (786-7841).

**Background:**

The Joint Task Force on Criminal Background Check Processes (Task Force) was created by the passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2556 during the 2004 legislative session. The legislation required the Task Force to review and make recommendations regarding how to improve the state's criminal background check processes. The legislation also required the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

The Task Force held six public meetings in 2004, and made five recommendations. One of the Task Force's recommendations was to expand the membership and extend the life of the Task Force in order to consider matters that were raised at the 2004 meetings of the Task Force but that require further analysis and discussion.

**Summary of Bill:**

The membership of the Task Force is expanded to include a representative from a for-profit entity that primarily serves children or vulnerable adults.

The Task Force is authorized to continue its work until December 31, 2005, at which time it will report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.