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By Senators Franklin, Winsley, Prentice, Haugen and Prince

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a task force to study the state's
2 affirmative action policies and programs; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) There is hereby created the task force
5 on equal opportunity.

6 (2) The task force shall:

7 (a) Study and investigate all programs and policies currently
8 authorized by state law, state administrative rules, and state
9 executive orders that grant preference or special consideration based
10 on race, color, ethnicity, gender, veteran status, disability, or
11 national origin to an individual or group in public employment, public
12 education, or public contracting;

13 (b) Seek to determine the rationale for each identified program or
14 policy, the program or policy's objectives, and whether the program or
15 policy has achieved those objectives; and

16 (c) Conduct a comprehensive review of state law and administrative
17 rules pertaining to the state's minority and women business programs
18 and policy, in order to determine if the programs and policy comply

1 with the fundamental requirements of the decision in *City of Richmond*
2 *v. J.A. Croson Co.*, 109 S. Ct. 706, 488 U.S. 469.

3 (3) The task force shall be composed of the following members, who
4 must be appointed within six weeks of the effective date of this act:

5 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the senate majority
6 leader;

7 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the senate minority
8 leader;

9 (c) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the
10 speaker of the house of representatives;

11 (d) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the
12 minority leader of the house of representatives;

13 (e) Five members of the public, one of whom shall be the chair,
14 appointed by the governor; and

15 (f) Five nonvoting members, one each representing the department of
16 general administration, department of personnel, office of financial
17 management, higher education coordinating board, and human rights
18 commission, appointed by the governor.

19 (4) The members of the task force shall serve without compensation,
20 but members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW
21 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

22 (5) The task force shall convene as soon as possible after a
23 majority of the members have been appointed.

24 (6) The task force shall report its findings and legislative
25 recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 1996.

26 (7) The legislature urges all state agencies to provide all
27 requested information to enable the task force to conduct a complete
28 and thorough investigation.

29 (8) The task force shall expire upon the report of its findings and
30 recommendations to the legislature.

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