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HOUSE BILL 1706

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By Representative McMorris

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1 AN ACT Relating to public health and community safety networks;  
2 amending RCW 70.190.100; providing an effective date; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.190.100 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 307 are each amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 The family policy council shall:

8 (1) (~~Establish~~) Propose network boundaries to county legislative  
9 authorities no later than July 1, 1994. There is a presumption that no  
10 county may be divided between two or more community networks and no  
11 network shall have fewer than forty thousand population. When  
12 (~~approving~~) proposing multicounty networks, considering dividing a  
13 county between networks, or creating a network with a population of  
14 less than forty thousand, the council must consider: (a) Common  
15 economic, geographic, and social interests; (b) historical and existing  
16 shared governance; and (c) the size and location of population centers.  
17 Individuals and groups within any area shall be given ample opportunity  
18 to propose network boundaries in a manner designed to assure full  
19 consideration of their expressed wishes. The council shall not include

1 a county in a network's boundary unless the county legislative  
2 authority affirmatively elects to ratify the council's proposed network  
3 boundary;

4 (2) Develop a technical assistance and training program to assist  
5 communities in creating and developing community networks and  
6 comprehensive plans;

7 (3) Approve the structure, purpose, goals, plan, and performance  
8 measurements of each community network;

9 (4) Identify all prevention and early intervention programs and  
10 funds, including all programs funded under RCW 69.50.520, in addition  
11 to the programs set forth in RCW 70.190.110, which could be  
12 transferred, in all or part, to the community networks, and report  
13 their findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature  
14 regarding any appropriate program transfers by January 1 of each year;

15 (5) Reward community networks that show exceptional success as  
16 provided in RCW 43.41.195;

17 (6) Seek every opportunity to maximize federal and other funding  
18 that is consistent with the plans approved by the council for the  
19 purpose and goals of this chapter;

20 (7) Review the state-funded out-of-home placement rate before the  
21 end of each contract to determine whether the region has sufficiently  
22 reduced the rate. If the council determines that there has not been a  
23 sufficient reduction in the rate, it may reduce the immediately  
24 succeeding grant to the network;

25 (8)(a) The council shall monitor the implementation of programs  
26 contracted by participating state agencies by reviewing periodic  
27 reports on the extent to which services were delivered to intended  
28 populations, the quality of services, and the extent to which service  
29 outcomes were achieved at the conclusion of service interventions.  
30 This monitoring shall include provision for periodic feedback to  
31 community networks;

32 (b) The legislature intends that this monitoring be used by the  
33 Washington state institute for public policy, together with public  
34 health data on at-risk behaviors and risk and protective factors, to  
35 produce an external evaluation of the effectiveness of the networks and  
36 their programs. For this reason, and to conserve public funds, the  
37 council shall not conduct or contract for the conduct of control group  
38 studies, quasi-experimental design studies, or other analysis efforts

1 to attempt to determine the impact of network programs on at-risk  
2 behaviors or risk and protective factors; and

3 (9) Review the implementation of chapter 7, Laws of 1994 sp. sess.  
4 and report its recommendations to the legislature annually. The report  
5 shall use measurable performance standards to evaluate the  
6 implementation.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
9 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
10 July 1, 1997.

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