
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2914

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer, Talcott, Backlund, Bush, Mielke, Sump, Crouse, Benson, Smith, Mulliken, Boldt, Lambert, Carlson, Carrell, Sehlin, Huff, Sullivan, Thompson, L. Thomas and Lisk)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the diagnosis and reporting of sexually
2 transmitted diseases; creating a new section; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that in order to
6 address the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Washington state, AIDS case reporting
7 is not sufficient. Addressing this problem through the establishment
8 of a HIV infection surveillance system has been endorsed by both
9 private and public entities. No HIV infection surveillance system
10 currently exists in this state. Therefore, the state has the
11 opportunity to develop a HIV infection surveillance system that is both
12 sensitive to privacy and confidentiality issues as well as meeting
13 standards of the United States centers for disease control and
14 prevention for disease surveillance. Recognizing the complexity and
15 public health challenges posed by the establishment of a HIV infection
16 surveillance system and the changing epidemic, the legislature
17 establishes the HIV surveillance implementation task force.

1 (2) The governor shall appoint a fifteen member HIV surveillance
2 implementation task force, which shall be comprised of representatives
3 from the following:

4 (a) The chair of the state board of health or his or her designee;

5 (b) The chair of the governor's advisory council on HIV/AIDS or his
6 or her designee;

7 (c) The department of health;

8 (d) Local public health official;

9 (e) Persons with HIV disease;

10 (f) Community-based organizations serving those infected with HIV;

11 (g) Hospitals;

12 (h) Physicians;

13 (i) Laboratories;

14 (j) Epidemiologists;

15 (k) Information system specialist; and

16 (l) Other organizations as determined by the governor.

17 (3) The task force shall develop a state-wide pilot project for HIV
18 infection surveillance and complete a report for the state board of
19 health including recommendations on implementation of the pilot project
20 no later than October 1, 1998. The task force shall ensure the system
21 recommended for the pilot project meets guidelines for access to
22 federal funds.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
25 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
26 immediately.

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