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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Costa, Sheahan, Kohl-Welles, Long, Hargrove, Winsley and Rasmussen)

Brief Description: Creating domestic violence fatality review panels.

SB 6421-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, subject to the availability of state funds, the department shall contract with an entity with expertise in domestic violence policy and education and with a state-wide perspective to coordinate review of domestic violence fatalities.

Provides that an annual state-wide report shall be issued by the coordinating entity in December containing recommendations and issues identified through the work of the regional panels. Copies of this report shall be distributed to public officials in the state who deal with domestic violence issues and to those agencies involved in the regional domestic violence fatality review panels.

Provides that the annual report in December 2010 shall contain a recommendation as to whether or not the domestic violence review process provided for in this act should continue or be terminated by the legislature.