
SENATE BILL 5679

State of Washington

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By Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Franklin and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to the HIV/AIDS prevention study committee; and
2 creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the AIDS
5 omnibus act of 1988 created a network of HIV/AIDS prevention efforts
6 and programs in Washington state, establishing statewide policies,
7 programs, and procedures surrounding HIV/AIDS prevention and other
8 HIV/AIDS care services and programs. Since the original passage of the
9 AIDS omnibus act in 1988, the HIV/AIDS pandemic has changed
10 dramatically. Once impacting white, gay men, HIV/AIDS has increased
11 among the young, heterosexual women, people of color, and rural
12 communities. Consequently, the effective management and distribution
13 of funds and resources are necessary not only to maintain current
14 services, but also to meet the rising demands and needs of these new
15 populations.

16 (2) The HIV/AIDS prevention study committee is established to
17 consist of nine members. The speaker of the senate shall appoint two
18 members, one from each major party in the senate; the co-chairs of the
19 house of representatives shall appoint two members, one from each major

1 party in the house of representatives; the secretary of health shall
2 appoint one member to represent the department of health; and the
3 governor shall appoint four members, three of whom must represent
4 community-based organizations.

5 (3) The HIV/AIDS prevention study committee shall meet at least six
6 times throughout 2001 at various locations around Washington. The
7 committee shall:

8 (a) Review the goals and outcomes of HIV/AIDS prevention programs
9 in Washington state;

10 (b) Assess appropriate funding levels for the AIDS omnibus act and
11 other HIV/AIDS prevention funding; and

12 (c) Investigate the impact and interaction of HIV/AIDS prevention
13 programs on care services and other HIV/AIDS programs.

14 (4) The committee shall submit a report of its findings and propose
15 specific recommendations to update the AIDS omnibus act to the
16 Washington state legislature in January 2002.

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