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1 AN ACT Relating to studying electronic monitoring as an alternative
2 to incarceration; creating new sections; and providing an expiration
3 date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature believes that electronic
6 monitoring, as an alternative to incarceration, is a proper and cost-
7 effective method of punishment and supervision for many criminal
8 offenders. The legislature further finds that advancements in
9 electronic monitoring technology have made the technology more common
10 and acceptable to criminal justice system personnel, policymakers, and
11 the general public.

12 In an effort to reduce prison and jail populations, many states
13 are increasing their utilization of electronic monitoring. However,
14 Washington state's use of electronic monitoring has been relatively
15 stagnate.

16 The intent of this act is to determine what electronic monitoring
17 policies and programs have been implemented in the other forty-nine
18 states, in order that Washington state can learn from the other states'
19 experiences.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington association of sheriffs
2 and police chiefs shall conduct a comprehensive study on electronic
3 monitoring in every state. The study shall review and analyze each
4 state's activity regarding electronic monitoring. Specifically, the
5 study shall include:

- 6 (a) How often electronic monitoring is used;
- 7 (b) A description of laws and circumstances of when an offender is
8 placed on electronic monitoring;
- 9 (c) The discovery and analysis of specific programs used to promote
10 electronic monitoring and how they are operated;
- 11 (d) The type of electronic monitoring technology used;
- 12 (e) Evaluation of offender pay programs and the amount of money
13 recovered from these programs;
- 14 (f) Overall perceptions of electronic monitoring from the criminal
15 justice community, and any real or perceived problems or concerns with
16 electronic monitoring;
- 17 (g) Estimates on savings realized by utilizing electronic
18 monitoring.

19 (2) The findings and any recommendations from the study shall be
20 placed into a final report and presented to the legislature no later
21 than December 31, 2005.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires December 31, 2005.

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