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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5574**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Roach, Regala, Stevens, Rasmussen, Delvin, McCaslin, Prentice, Weinstein, Kastama and Kohl-Welles)

READ FIRST TIME 03/02/05.

1       AN ACT Relating to the sale and use of projectile stun guns; 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 projectile stun gun study committee  
5       is established to review the sale and use of projectile stun guns  
6       within Washington state. The committee shall be composed of:

7       (a) Two senators, one from each caucus in the senate;

8       (b) Two representatives, one from each caucus in the house of  
9       representatives;

10       (c) One police chief appointed by the Washington association of  
11       sheriffs and police chiefs;

12       (d) One elected sheriff appointed by the Washington association of  
13       sheriffs and police chiefs;

14       (e) One representative appointed by the association of Washington  
15       cities;

16       (f) One representative appointed by the Washington state  
17       association of counties; and

18       (g) One representative appointed by the department of health.

1 (2) The committee shall evaluate public safety issues created by  
2 projectile stun guns and make recommendations regarding whether they  
3 should be regulated and, if so, how. Specifically, the committee shall  
4 review:

5 (a) Public safety issues related to projectile stun guns when used  
6 by the general public;

7 (b) Ownership limitations, such as age and criminal record  
8 restrictions;

9 (c) The practicality of requiring criminal background checks prior  
10 to allowing the purchase of a projectile stun gun and who would perform  
11 such criminal background checks;

12 (d) Manufacturing requirements, such as voltage limits and whether  
13 to require that projectile stun guns disperse traceable coded  
14 materials;

15 (e) What use and possession limitations should be placed on  
16 projectile stun guns;

17 (f) Whether mandatory training should be required to purchase a  
18 projectile stun gun;

19 (g) What penalties shall be assessed to individuals that unlawfully  
20 sell, possess, or use projectile stun guns;

21 (h) The feelings of the general public about the use of projectile  
22 stun guns as an alternative to traditional firearms as means of  
23 self-protection; and

24 (i) Any other issue the committee finds relevant to the regulation  
25 of projectile stun guns in Washington.

26 (3) Staff support shall be provided by senate committee services  
27 and the office of program research.

28 (4) Legislative members of the study committee shall be reimbursed  
29 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
30 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
31 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
32 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

33 (5) A committee report, containing findings and proposed  
34 legislation, if any, shall be delivered to the full legislature, not  
35 later than December 31, 2005.

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