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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6806**

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**State of Washington**

**59th Legislature**

**2006 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Esser, Hargrove, Brandland, Johnson and Rasmussen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to domestic violence; creating new sections; and  
2 providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to study  
5 the advisability of providing to all recipients of protection orders,  
6 who are victims of domestic violence, wallet-size cards that would  
7 provide to law enforcement all information necessary to enforce the  
8 protection order.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The domestic violence hope card study  
10 committee is established to review the advisability of providing  
11 wallet-size cards bearing information regarding protection orders to  
12 victims of domestic violence within Washington state. The committee  
13 shall collaborate with the Washington state gender and justice  
14 commission and shall be composed of:

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

16 (b) Two representatives, one from each caucus in the house of  
17 representatives;

1 (c) One representative of the Washington state attorney general's  
2 office;

3 (d) One police chief appointed by the Washington association of  
4 sheriffs and police chiefs;

5 (e) One elected sheriff appointed by the Washington association of  
6 sheriffs and police chiefs;

7 (f) One representative of the Washington state patrol;

8 (g) One representative of the administrative office of the courts;

9 (h) One representative of a tribal government appointed by the  
10 governor;

11 (i) One representative of the Washington association of criminal  
12 defense lawyers;

13 (j) One representative of a statewide domestic violence advocacy  
14 group appointed by the governor;

15 (k) One representative who is an advocate for domestic violence  
16 victims on tribal lands appointed by the governor;

17 (l) One representative of the office of crime victims advocacy;

18 (m) One representative of the Washington association of prosecuting  
19 attorneys; and

20 (n) One representative of the Washington state association of  
21 county clerks.

22 (2) The committee shall review and analyze hope card programs  
23 operating in Washington state and other states. Specifically, the  
24 committee shall review:

25 (a) The practicality of requiring the statewide distribution of  
26 wallet-size cards to victims of domestic violence that document the  
27 existence of a protection order and provide identifying information  
28 regarding the respondent, including a photograph, and contents of a  
29 protection order in addition to contact information for the victim to  
30 utilize the court system, gain access to domestic violence services,  
31 and contact law enforcement;

32 (b) The information required to be provided to victims of domestic  
33 violence under current law;

34 (c) Whether victims of domestic violence are receiving this  
35 information;

36 (d) Whether any additional information should be included on the  
37 cards provided to domestic violence victims;

1 (e) Costs, administrative, and capital equipment issues involved  
2 with the implementation of such a program;

3 (f) How such a program could be implemented statewide;

4 (g) Confidentiality, privacy, and safety concerns that may arise in  
5 the implementation of such a program; and

6 (h) Any other issues the committee finds relevant to the  
7 distribution of hope cards to victims of domestic violence.

8 (3) Staff support shall be provided by the office of crime victims  
9 advocacy, senate committee services, and the office of program  
10 research.

11 (4) Legislative members of the study committee shall be reimbursed  
12 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
13 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
14 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
15 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

16 (5) A committee report, containing findings and proposed  
17 legislation, if any, shall be delivered to the full legislature not  
18 later than December 31, 2006.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires June 30, 2007.

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