
SENATE BILL 6880

State of Washington

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By Senators Kline, Weinstein and McCaslin

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1 AN ACT Relating to a commission on psychoactive substance control;
2 and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A commission is created to investigate
5 and make recommendations for alternative regulatory approaches to the
6 production, distribution, and control of psychoactive substances with
7 the objective of reducing crime, enhancing public health, protecting
8 children, and promoting efficient use of scarce public resources.

9 (2) The governor shall appoint one member with expertise from each
10 of the following fields after consultation with individuals and
11 representative groups thereof:

12 (a) Education;

13 (b) Mental health and substance abuse;

14 (c) Law enforcement;

15 (d) Medicine;

16 (e) Law;

17 (f) The judiciary;

18 (g) Local government;

19 (h) Public health;

- 1 (i) Labor;
2 (j) Business;
3 (k) Pharmacology; and
4 (l) The public at large.

5 (3) The governor shall appoint one member from subsection (2) of
6 this section as chairperson.

7 (4) Four members of the legislature shall be members of the
8 commission, including two members of the senate, appointed by the
9 president of the senate, one of the majority and one of the minority
10 party; and two members of the house of representatives, appointed by
11 the speaker of the house of representatives, one from the majority and
12 one from the minority party.

13 (5) The commission shall appoint a staff and the members of the
14 commission shall be reimbursed for expenses.

15 (6) The commission shall report its recommendations to the
16 legislature by December 1, 2007.

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