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By Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Haugen, King, Sheldon, Marr, Kauffman, McAuliffe, Parlette, and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to abducted or missing persons; amending RCW
2 13.60.010; and adding a new section to chapter 13.60 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.60.010 and 1985 c 443 s 22 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The Washington state patrol shall establish a missing children
7 clearinghouse which shall include the maintenance and operation of a
8 toll-free, twenty-four-hour telephone hotline. The clearinghouse shall
9 distribute information to local law enforcement agencies, school
10 districts, the department of social and health services, and the
11 general public regarding missing children. The information shall
12 include pictures, bulletins, training sessions, reports, and
13 biographical materials that will assist in local law enforcement
14 efforts to locate missing children. The state patrol shall also
15 maintain a regularly updated computerized link with national and other
16 statewide missing person systems or clearinghouses, and shall develop
17 and implement a plan, commonly known as an "amber alert plan," for
18 voluntary cooperation between local, state, tribal, and other law

1 enforcement agencies, state government agencies, radio and television
2 stations, and cable and satellite systems to enhance the public's
3 ability to assist in recovering abducted children.

4 "Child" or "children," as used in this chapter, means an individual
5 under eighteen years of age.

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 13.60 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The Washington state patrol shall develop and implement a plan,
9 commonly known as an "endangered missing person advisory plan," for
10 voluntary cooperation between local, state, tribal, and other law
11 enforcement agencies, state government agencies, radio and television
12 stations, and cable and satellite systems to enhance the public's
13 ability to assist in recovering endangered missing persons who do not
14 qualify for inclusion in an amber alert.

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