
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6733

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By Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senator King)

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1 AN ACT Relating to allocating responsibility for court-related
2 costs of involuntary commitment proceedings; creating a new section;
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A legislative task force is
6 established on the costs related to court hearings under the
7 involuntary treatment act, with members as provided in this subsection.

8 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from each
9 of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

10 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one
11 member from each of the two largest caucuses in the house of
12 representatives.

13 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
14 representatives jointly shall appoint seven members representing a
15 regional support network east of the Cascade mountains, a regional
16 support network west of the Cascade mountains, an urban county, a rural
17 county, a prosecutor or representative of a prosecutor's association,
18 a defense attorney or representative of a defense association, and a
19 consumer or family representative.

1 (iv) The department of social and health services shall cooperate
2 with the task force and maintain a liaison representative, who shall be
3 a nonvoting member.

4 (b) The task force shall choose its chair from among its
5 membership. The legislature shall convene the initial meeting of the
6 task force.

7 (2) The task force shall review the following issues:

8 (a) Appropriate allocation of responsibility for court-related
9 costs and fees associated with involuntary commitment hearings; and

10 (b) Appropriate allocation of responsibility for court-related
11 costs and fees associated with involuntary commitment hearings when the
12 commitment hearing takes place in a different locality than the
13 locality in which the respondent was originally detained.

14 (3) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the senate
15 committee services and the house of representatives office of program
16 research.

17 (4) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for
18 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
19 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
20 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
21 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

22 (5) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
23 senate and house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
24 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
25 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
26 successor committees.

27 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
28 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by
29 December 1, 2010.

30 (7) This section expires June 1, 2011.

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