
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2543

State of Washington 63rd Legislature 2014 Regular Session

By House Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Shea, Overstreet, Taylor, and Short)

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1 AN ACT Relating to electronic monitoring; creating a new section;
2 and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A work group on electronic home
5 monitoring is established to study and make recommendations relating to
6 establishing statewide standards for electronic home monitoring in
7 Washington state.

8 (2) The work group shall consist of the following members:

9 (a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate,
10 appointed by the president of the senate;

11 (b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house
12 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
13 representatives;

14 (c) The chief of the Washington state patrol or the chief's
15 designee;

16 (d) The secretary of the department of corrections or the
17 secretary's designee;

18 (e) The executive director of the Washington association of
19 sheriffs and police chiefs or the executive director's designee;

- 1 (f) One member representing the superior court judges' association;
- 2 (g) One member representing the district and municipal court
3 judges' association;
- 4 (h) One member representing the Washington state association of
5 counties;
- 6 (i) One member representing the Washington association of
7 prosecuting attorneys;
- 8 (j) One member representing the Washington defender's association
9 or the Washington association of criminal defense lawyers;
- 10 (k) One member representing the Washington coalition of crime
11 victim advocates; and
- 12 (l) At least two members, appointed by the governor, who represent
13 agencies engaged in the electronic monitoring of offenders in
14 Washington state.
- 15 (3) Members of the work group shall select a chair or cochair from
16 among its legislative membership.
- 17 (4) At a minimum, the work group shall research, review, and make
18 recommendations on:
- 19 (a) Imposing reporting standards on public and private agencies
20 which monitor individuals through electronic home monitoring to govern
21 how quickly and frequently courts, prosecutors and law enforcements
22 should be notified of violations;
- 23 (b) Imposing monitoring standards to govern how often and by which
24 methods agencies must verify monitored individual's activities;
- 25 (c) Imposing operational requirements on agencies to ensure
26 continued monitoring around the clock, including staffing and equipment
27 requirements, contingency plans, and bonding and insurance
28 requirements;
- 29 (d) Ensuring professional requirements, such as background checks
30 and prohibitions on private relationships between agencies or agency
31 employees and monitored individuals;
- 32 (e) Ensuring compliance with any standards imposed, by methods such
33 as auditing requirements or other oversight, and penalties; and
- 34 (f) Improving accountability for individuals on supervision and
35 consistency, as appropriate, of the terms of electronic home monitoring
36 for similar monitored individuals.
- 37 (5) The work group shall compile its findings and recommendations

1 for electronic home monitoring into a final report and provide its
2 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature and governor by
3 December 1, 2014.

4 (6) The work group shall function within existing resources and no
5 specific budget may be provided to complete the report. The
6 participants are encouraged to donate their time to offset any costs.

7 (7) This section expires January 1, 2015.

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