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By Senators Darneille, Hasegawa, McCoy, Frockt, Chase, and Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to sentencing information concerning racial  
2 disproportionality; and amending RCW 43.88C.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.88C.040 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 40 s 28 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The caseload forecast council shall develop and maintain a  
7 computerized adult and juvenile sentencing information system  
8 consisting of offender, offense, history, and sentence information  
9 entered from the judgment and sentence forms for all adult felons.

10 (2) As part of its duties in maintaining the sentencing information  
11 system, the caseload forecast council shall:

12 (a) On an annual basis, publish a statistical summary of adult  
13 felony sentencing and juvenile dispositions;

14 (b) On an annual basis, publish a summary of racial  
15 disproportionality in adult felony sentencing and juvenile  
16 dispositions;

17 (c) Publish and maintain an adult felony sentencing manual; and

18 ((+e)) (d) Publish and maintain a juvenile sentencing manual.

1           (3) The sentencing manuals are intended only as a guide to assist  
2 practitioners in determining appropriate sentencing ranges. The  
3 manuals are not a substitute for the actual statutes, which list the  
4 sentencing ranges, or for any other information contained within this  
5 chapter. The caseload forecast council is not liable for errors or  
6 omissions in the manual, for sentences that may be inappropriately  
7 calculated as a result of a practitioner's or court's reliance on the  
8 manual, or for any other written or verbal information provided by the  
9 caseload forecast council or its staff related to adult or juvenile  
10 sentencing.

11           (4) In publishing materials required by this section, the caseload  
12 forecast council shall make the materials available on its web site.  
13 The caseload forecast council may charge a reasonable cost for  
14 producing and distributing hard copies of any materials.

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