
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5761

State of Washington

65th Legislature

2017 Regular Session

By Senate Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators McCoy, Hunt, and Hasegawa)

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/17.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a joint legislative task force on
2 certain fish and shellfish enforcement issues; creating a new
3 section; 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 joint legislative task force on
6 fish and shellfish enforcement issues is established, with members as
7 provided in this subsection.

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

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

13 (iii) The legislative members must appoint additional members
14 including, but not limited to, a member representing recreational
15 fishing, commercial fishing, shellfish growers, and request
16 representation from six tribal governments.

17 (iv) The governor, or the governor's designee, must serve as a
18 member.

19 (v) The chief of the department of fish and wildlife's
20 enforcement program, or the chief's designee, must serve as a member.

1 (b) The task force must choose cochairs from among its
2 legislative membership. The legislative members must convene the
3 initial meeting of the task force.

4 (2) The task force must review issues relating to fish and
5 shellfish enforcement, recordkeeping, and public records issues, as
6 deemed appropriate by the task force.

7 (3) Staff support for the task force must be provided by senate
8 committee services and the house of representatives office of program
9 research. The department of fish and wildlife must cooperate with the
10 task force and provide information as the task force may reasonably
11 request.

12 (4) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
13 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
14 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
15 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
16 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
17 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

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

23 (6) The task force must provide a brief summary of its work and
24 any recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature
25 by October 1, 2017.

26 (7) This section expires June 30, 2018.

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