

HB 1056 - H AMD 57

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that domestic
4 violence causes physical and psychological harm, broken families,
5 economic loss, and other societal ills. According to the center for
6 disease control's national intimate partner and sexual violence
7 survey, about one in three women and one in three men reported
8 experiencing intimate partner violence in their lifetime. In
9 Washington in 2017, over fifty-four thousand domestic violence
10 offenses were reported to law enforcement and forty-nine domestic
11 violence homicides were committed.

12 (2) The legislature finds that the workplace may be the only
13 location in which an individual experiencing domestic violence may be
14 free from a perpetrator and feel safe. Individuals experiencing
15 domestic violence may also find the workplace a place of shared
16 confidences. Therefore, the legislature intends to create a task
17 force to explore ways in which the employer and employee community
18 may help curb domestic violence.

19 (3) This section expires June 30, 2020.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of commerce shall
21 convene a task force on domestic violence and workplace resources to
22 identify the role of the workplace in helping to curb domestic
23 violence.

24 (2) The members of the task force are as provided in this
25 subsection.

26 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from
27 each of the two largest caucuses in the senate.

28 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one
29 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
30 representatives.

31 (c) The department of commerce shall appoint:

- 1 (i) One member representing each of the following:
2 (A) The association of Washington business;
3 (B) The national federation of independent business;
4 (C) The Washington hospitality association;
5 (D) The Washington retail association;
6 (E) The Washington state labor council;
7 (F) The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs;
8 (G) The Washington coalition against domestic violence; and
9 (H) A federally recognized tribe;
10 (ii) A business owner;
11 (iii) A survivor of domestic violence; and
12 (iv) Up to two additional members.
13 (3) The task force shall choose two cochairs from among its
14 legislative membership.
15 (4) The task force shall review the following issues:
16 (a) The role of the workplace in the lives of individuals
17 experiencing domestic violence;
18 (b) The appropriate role of employers and employees in helping
19 reduce the incidence of domestic violence; and
20 (c) Whether legislation is needed to address the issues outlined
21 in this subsection.
22 (5) The department of commerce shall convene the meetings and
23 provide staff support for the task force.
24 (6) The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations
25 to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2019.
26 (7) This section expires June 30, 2020."
27 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Changes the bill from a Joint Legislative Task Force staffed by the Office of Program Research and Senate Committee Services to a Task Force convened and staffed by the Department of Commerce. Retains the Task Force membership of the underlying bill.

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