

**2SSB 5489** - H AMD TO APP COMM AMD (H-2877.1/19) **696**

By Representative DeBolt

**NOT CONSIDERED 12/23/2019**

1 On page 2, after line 21 of the striking amendment, insert the  
2 following:

3 "(8) The legislature also finds that a pilot project is necessary  
4 in order to identify and study methods that the state can use to  
5 better identify vulnerable populations and more effectively eliminate  
6 environmental health disparities in those communities prior to  
7 integrating environmental justice on a more wide-scale basis."  
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9 On page 3, beginning on line 33 of the striking amendment, strike  
10 all of section 3  
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12 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
13 internal references accordingly.  
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15 On page 5, beginning on line 5 of the striking amendment, after  
16 "(5)" strike all material through "following" on line 10 and insert  
17 "By October 31, 2020, the task force must submit a final report to the  
18 appropriate committees of the legislature and the governor that  
19 includes the following recommendations and findings for implementation  
20 in cities with a population of six hundred fifty thousand or more"  
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22 On page 6, line 13 of the striking amendment, after "report"  
23 insert "the following recommendations and findings for implementation  
24 in cities with a population of six hundred fifty thousand or more"  
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26 On page 6, line 28 of the striking amendment, after "low-income  
27 populations" strike "of the state"

1 On page 7, beginning on line 18 of the striking amendment, after  
2 "four" strike all material through "eastern Washington" on line 23 and  
3 insert "meetings to seek input from, present its work plan and  
4 proposal to, and receive feedback from, communities in cities with a  
5 population of six hundred fifty thousand or more"

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7 On page 7, beginning on line 28 of the striking amendment, after  
8 "(b)" strike all material through "RCW 43.01.036" on line 34 and  
9 insert "Based on the result of the pilot project, six years after the  
10 task force issues its final report, each state agency must submit a  
11 report, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, to the appropriate  
12 committees of the legislature, the governor, and the governor's  
13 interagency council on health disparities on the following:

14 (i) The progress made towards reducing disproportionate  
15 environmental burdens;

16 (ii) The progress made in attaining environmental health targets;

17 (iii) Challenges in implementing the cumulative impact analysis in  
18 cities with a population of six hundred fifty thousand or more;

19 (iv) Challenges faced in achieving the goals of the pilot project;  
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21 (v) Recommendations for how to integrate environmental justice  
22 into state policy that could be achieved on a more wide-scale basis"

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24 On page 8, beginning on line 2 of the striking amendment, after  
25 "populations" strike all material through "populations" on line 3 and  
26 insert "in cities with a population of six hundred fifty thousand or  
27 more, and reduce environmental health disparities in those cities"

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29 On page 8, line 8 of the striking amendment, after "to" insert "  
30 in cities with a population of six hundred fifty thousand or more,"

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32 On page 8, after line 28 of the striking amendment, insert the  
33 following:

34 "NEW SECTION. Sec.9. This act expires on October 31, 2026."

EFFECT: Adds to the intent section a legislative finding that a pilot project is necessary in order to identify and study methods that the state can use to better identify vulnerable populations and more effectively eliminate environmental health disparities in those communities prior to integrating environmental justice on a more wide-scale basis.

Removes the requirement that state agencies represented on the task force use all practicable means and measures to promote environmental justice and fair treatment.

Limits the scope of the task force's recommendations and findings to recommendations and findings for implementation in cities with a population of 650,000 or more.

Removes the requirement that the task force hold four regional meetings to receive feedback from communities throughout the state, and instead requires the task force to hold four meetings to receive feedback from communities in cities with a population of 650,000 or more.

Removes the requirement that state agencies report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities one year after the adoption of rules, policies, or guidelines related to the cumulative impact analysis, and two years thereafter, and instead requires that state agencies report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities six years after the task force's final report is issued on various items based on the pilot project.

Limits the locations for which state agencies must use the cumulative impact analysis to identify highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations and reduce environmental health disparities, to cities with a population of at least 650,000.

Limits the locations for which state agencies may issue policies or guidance or adopt practices, guidelines, or rules related to establishing measurable goals for reducing environmental health disparities, identifying highly impacted communities, and prioritizing such communities in the adoption and implementation of environmental laws and funding decisions, to cities with a population of at least 650,000.

Expires the act on October 31, 2026.

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