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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the opioid epidemic response
2 advisory council; and adding a new section to chapter 43.10 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.10
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The attorney general shall convene an advisory council to
7 advise the legislature on how to use money received by the state as a
8 result of litigation in which the state is a party against an opioid
9 manufacturer or distributor relating to acts or omissions by the
10 manufacturer or distributor that contributed to increased rates of
11 opioid addiction in Washington.

12 (2) The advisory council must consist of one member appointed by
13 the attorney general to represent each of the following:

14 (a) The pharmacy quality assurance commission;

15 (b) A statewide organization representing physicians;

16 (c) Substance use disorder professionals, opioid treatment
17 programs, or sober living programs;

18 (d) A statewide organization representing providers of addiction
19 medicine. The member appointed under this subsection (2)(d) must be
20 an addiction psychiatrist;

1 (e) Providers of alternative pain management therapies, including
2 acupuncture, chiropractic, or massage therapy;

3 (f) Nonprofit organizations conducting initiatives to address the
4 opioid epidemic;

5 (g) A statewide organization representing ambulances. The member
6 appointed under this subsection (2)(g) must be an emergency medical
7 technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic;

8 (h) State courts. The member appointed under this subsection
9 (2)(h) must be a judge or a law enforcement officer;

10 (i) Individuals in opioid addiction recovery;

11 (j) Individuals suffering from chronic pain, intractable pain, or
12 rare diseases or conditions;

13 (k) Individuals with mental illness;

14 (l) A statewide organization representing hospitals;

15 (m) Local health jurisdictions;

16 (n) Behavioral health administrative services organizations; and

17 (o) Any other individuals or groups affected directly or
18 indirectly by the opioid epidemic.

19 (3) In addition to the members appointed under subsection (2) of
20 this section, the attorney general shall invite two tribal members to
21 participate as voting members.

22 (4) The department of social and health services, the department
23 of health, and the department of corrections shall each appoint one
24 nonvoting member to the advisory council.

25 (5) The attorney general shall convene the advisory council
26 within thirty days of moneys being received by the state as a result
27 of litigation in which the state is a party against an opioid
28 manufacturer or distributor relating to acts or omissions by the
29 manufacturer or distributor that contributed to increased rates of
30 opioid addiction in Washington.

31 (6) The advisory council shall, within thirty days of being
32 convened under subsection (5) of this section, submit to the fiscal
33 committees of the legislature recommendations on how the moneys
34 received can best be utilized to prevent opioid addiction and treat
35 victims of opioid addiction. When making its recommendations, the
36 advisory council shall consider compensation for the most affected
37 victims of the opioid epidemic, especially families that have

1 specifically lost a loved one to an opiate overdose or whose lives
2 have been devastated by the effects of opioids.

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