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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6591**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Dhingra, Das, Darneille, Keiser, Rivers, and Wilson, C.)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a work group to address mental  
2 health advance directives; adding a new section to chapter 71.32 RCW;  
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71.32  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The health care authority shall facilitate a work group to  
8 examine the use of mental health advance directives in Washington,  
9 how to improve and promote awareness and utilization of mental health  
10 advance directives in Washington, examine barriers and outcomes, and  
11 advise the legislature in the updating of the mental health advance  
12 directive law.

13 (2) The work group shall be convened by the health care authority  
14 and invite participation from behavioral health advocates, including  
15 but not limited to disability rights Washington, the national  
16 alliance on mental illness, and mothers of the mentally ill; peers  
17 and peer advocates; hospitals; physicians; community behavioral  
18 health agencies; dementia advocates; the Washington state bar  
19 association elder law section; Seattle University school of law; the  
20 Washington state long-term care ombuds; managed care organizations;

1 designated crisis responders; jails; and others at the discretion of  
2 the health care authority.

3 (3) The work group shall hold its first meeting by June 30, 2020,  
4 and submit a final report to the governor and appropriate committees  
5 of the legislature by October 1, 2021.

6 (4) This section expires June 30, 2024.

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