

**ESB 5561** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2943.1/22) **1351**

By Representative Simmons

1 On page 8, after line 37 of the striking amendment, insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The department of commerce shall  
4 convene a workgroup on restoration of firearm rights.

5 (2) The workgroup shall consist of:

6 (a) The following members appointed jointly by the speaker of  
7 the house of representatives and the president of the senate:

8 (i) Two individuals who have lost their firearm rights due to a  
9 criminal conviction;

10 (ii) Two survivors of domestic violence;

11 (iii) A representative of an organization representing the black  
12 community; and

13 (iv) A representative of a federally-recognized Indian tribe;

14 (b) A representative of the Washington association of  
15 prosecuting attorneys;

16 (c) A representative of the office of public defense;

17 (d) A representative of the office of civil legal aid; and

18 (e) A representative of the superior court judges association.

19 (3) The work group shall choose its chair from among its  
20 membership.

21 (4) The work group shall compile data on the number of people  
22 who have had their firearms rights restored and then committed an  
23 act of gun violence. In addition, the work group shall evaluate the  
24 racial equity impacts of the changes to requirements for restoration  
25 of firearm rights under this act and any technical challenges to  
26 implementing these changes.

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1 (5) The work group shall submit to the Governor and appropriate  
2 committees of the legislature an initial report of its findings by  
3 December 1, 2022, and a final report by December 1, 2023.

4 (6) This section expires January 1, 2024."  
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6 Renumber the remaining section consecutively.  
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Requires the Department of Commerce to convene a work group on restoration of firearm rights that must: (1) compile data on the number of people who have had their firearm rights restored and then committed an act of gun violence; and (2) evaluate the racial equity impacts of the changes to requirements for restoration of firearm rights under this act and any technical challenges to implementing these changes. Specifies membership of the work group. Requires the work group to submit an initial report of its findings by December 1, 2022, and a final report by December 1, 2023, to the Governor and the appropriate committees of the Legislature.

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