

ESHB 1141 - S AMD 746
By Senator Muzzall

NOT CONSIDERED 04/26/2021

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of health shall
4 convene and staff a work group which shall review the effectiveness
5 of both the rights and safeguards as established by voter approval of
6 the Washington death with dignity act, Initiative Measure No. 1000
7 (chapter 1, Laws of 2009).

8 (2) As part of their deliberations, the work group shall consider
9 factors that inhibit the ability of individuals to utilize the rights
10 associated with the Washington death with dignity act, and factors
11 that inhibit the effectiveness of the safeguards to protect people
12 with disabilities, veterans suffering from posttraumatic stress
13 disorder, and other vulnerable populations. The work group shall also
14 consider the availability of palliative care to underprivileged,
15 rural, and minority communities throughout the state.

16 (3) The composition of the work group shall include, at a
17 minimum:

- 18 (a) A representative of the department of health;
19 (b) A representative of compassion and choices;
20 (c) A representative of end of life Washington;
21 (d) A representative of the Arc of Washington state;
22 (e) A representative from disability rights Washington;
23 (f) A representative of a statewide group representing disabled
24 veterans;
25 (g) A representative of a statewide medical association;
26 (h) A representative of a statewide nurses association;
27 (i) A representative of a statewide hospital association; and
28 (j) A representative from each of the two largest caucuses in
29 both the house and senate.

30 (4) The department of health shall report the findings of the
31 work group to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the
32 governor by November 30, 2021."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "act;" strike the remainder
2 of the title and insert "and creating a new section."

EFFECT: Strikes the bill and creates a work group to review the effectiveness of the rights and safeguards provided by the Death with Dignity Act.

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