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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

4 (1) In 2020, an estimated 120,000 Washingtonians age 65 and older
5 were living with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia and the
6 number is expected to rise to 140,000 by 2025;

7 (2) Dementia affects the whole family in many ways, including
8 pulling family members, most often women, out of the workforce to
9 care for their loved ones with the disease;

10 (3) There are an estimated 295,000 unpaid caregivers in
11 Washington providing 426,000,000 total hours of unpaid care annually;

12 (4) The legislature authorized the preparation of the first
13 Washington state plan to address Alzheimer's disease and other
14 dementias in 2016; and

15 (5) There is great value in continuing to improve awareness and
16 services for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other
17 dementias, and reestablishing the formal dementia action
18 collaborative to update the state plan and make recommendations is
19 essential.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1) The dementia action collaborative is established with members
23 as provided in this subsection.

24 (a) The governor shall appoint the following members, and may
25 appoint additional members at the governor's discretion:

26 (i) A representative of the governor's office;

27 (ii) A representative and an alternate from the department in the
28 aging and long-term support administration;

29 (iii) A representative and an alternate from the department in
30 the developmental disabilities administration;

1 (iv) A representative and an alternate from the department of
2 health;

3 (v) A representative and an alternate from the health care
4 authority;

5 (vi) A representative and an alternate from the office of the
6 state long-term care ombuds;

7 (vii) At least one person with Alzheimer's disease or another
8 dementia;

9 (viii) A caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease or
10 another dementia;

11 (ix) A representative of the University of Washington's memory
12 and brain wellness center;

13 (x) A representative of an organization representing area
14 agencies on aging;

15 (xi) A representative of an association representing long-term
16 care facilities in Washington;

17 (xii) A representative of an association representing physicians
18 in Washington;

19 (xiii) A representative of a Washington-based organization of
20 volunteers, family, and friends of those affected by Alzheimer's
21 disease and other dementias;

22 (xiv) A representative of an Alzheimer's advocacy organization;

23 (xv) An attorney who specializes in elder law;

24 (xvi) An Alzheimer's disease researcher;

25 (xvii) A representative of an organization representing emergency
26 medical service providers in Washington;

27 (xviii) An expert in workforce development;

28 (xix) A representative of the Washington state council on aging;

29 (xx) A representative of the governor's office of Indian affairs;

30 (xxi) A licensed behavioral health provider with clinical
31 expertise in Alzheimer's disease or other dementias;

32 (xxii) A representative of a health care organization that
33 primarily serves people of color, including seniors; and

34 (xxiii) A nurse with expertise in serving individuals with
35 Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

36 (b) In appointing members to the dementia action collaborative,
37 the governor shall give priority to persons who had previously served
38 on the Alzheimer's disease working group established pursuant to
39 chapter 89 (Senate Bill No. 6124), Laws of 2014, and its successor
40 work groups.

1 (2) (a) The secretary or the secretary's designee shall convene
2 the dementia action collaborative and submit all required reports.
3 The secretary or the secretary's designee shall serve as the cochair
4 with either the member representing an Alzheimer's disease advocacy
5 organization or the member representing the Washington-based
6 organization of volunteers, family, and friends of those affected by
7 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

8 (b) The department shall provide any necessary administrative
9 support to the dementia action collaborative.

10 (c) Meetings of the dementia action collaborative must be open to
11 the public. At least one meeting each year must accept comments on
12 the dementia action collaborative's proposed recommendations from
13 members of the public, including comments from persons and families
14 affected by Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. The department
15 must use technological means, such as web casts, to assure public
16 participation.

17 (3) (a) The dementia action collaborative must assess the current
18 and future impacts of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias on
19 Washington residents, including:

20 (i) Examining progress in implementing the Washington state
21 Alzheimer's plan adopted in 2016;

22 (ii) Assessing available services and resources for serving
23 persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, as well as
24 their families and caregivers;

25 (iii) Examining and developing strategies to rectify disparate
26 effects of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias on people of
27 color; and

28 (iv) Developing a strategy to mobilize a state response to this
29 public health crisis.

30 (b) In addition to the activities in (a) of this subsection, the
31 dementia action collaborative must review and revise the Washington
32 state Alzheimer's plan adopted in 2016, and any subsequent revisions
33 to that plan. Revisions to the plan must evaluate and address:

34 (i) Population trends related to Alzheimer's disease and other
35 dementias, including:

36 (A) Demographic information related to Washington residents
37 living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias, including average
38 age, average age at first diagnosis, gender, race, and comorbidities;
39 and

1 (B) Disparities in the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and
2 other dementias between different racial and ethnic populations;

3 (ii) Existing services, resources, and health care system
4 capacity, including:

5 (A) The types, cost, and availability of dementia services,
6 medicaid reimbursement rates for dementia services, and the effect of
7 medicaid reimbursement rates on the availability of dementia
8 services;

9 (B) Dementia-specific training requirements for long-term
10 services and supports staff;

11 (C) The needs of public safety and law enforcement to respond to
12 persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias;

13 (D) The availability of home and community-based resources,
14 including respite care and other services to assist families, for
15 persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias;

16 (E) Availability of long-term dementia care beds, regardless of
17 payer;

18 (F) State funding and Alzheimer's disease research through
19 Washington universities and other resources; and

20 (G) Advances in knowledge regarding brain health, dementia, and
21 risk reduction related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias
22 since the adoption of the Washington state Alzheimer's plan
23 established in 2016.

24 (4) The department must submit a report of the dementia action
25 collaborative's findings and recommendations to the governor and the
26 legislature in the form of an updated Washington state Alzheimer's
27 plan no later than October 1, 2023. The department must submit annual
28 updates and recommendations of the dementia action collaborative for
29 legislative and executive branch agency action to the governor and
30 the legislature each October 1st, beginning October 1, 2024.

31 (5) This section expires June 30, 2028."

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32 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "collaborative;" strike the
33 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter

1 43.20A RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration
2 date."

EFFECT: Expires the Dementia Action Collaborative on June 30,
2028.

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