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By Representatives Goodman, Doglio, Lekanoff, and Pollet

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the criminal justice training
2 commission to establish a work group and grant program related to
3 vehicular pursuits; adding new sections to chapter 43.101 RCW;
4 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) By June 30, 2023, the commission shall convene a work group
9 to develop legislative policy recommendations related to vehicular
10 pursuits by law enforcement.

11 (2) The work group must be comprised of stakeholders representing
12 the following:

13 (a) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;

14 (b) The Washington state patrol;

15 (c) The Washington state fraternal order of police;

16 (d) The Washington council of police and sheriffs;

17 (e) The Washington state patrol troopers association;

18 (f) The international brotherhood of teamsters, local 117;

19 (g) The Washington traffic safety commission;

20 (h) The Washington federation of state employees;

- 1 (i) Families who have lost loved ones as a result of interactions
2 with law enforcement;
- 3 (j) An organization advocating for civil rights;
- 4 (k) A statewide organization advocating for Black Americans;
- 5 (l) A statewide organization advocating for Hispanic Americans;
- 6 (m) A statewide organization advocating for Asian Americans,
7 Pacific Islanders, and Native Hawaiians;
- 8 (n) The governor's office of Indian affairs;
- 9 (o) A community organization from eastern Washington advocating
10 for police accountability;
- 11 (p) A community organization from western Washington advocating
12 for police accountability; and
- 13 (q) A community organization serving persons who are unhoused.
- 14 (3) The work group shall consider the following factors when
15 developing its legislative policy recommendations:
- 16 (a) Circumstances where vehicular pursuits should be justified;
- 17 (b) Circumstances where peace officers should consider the use of
18 tactics other than engaging in a vehicular pursuit;
- 19 (c) Procedures and tactics for officers engaged in a vehicular
20 pursuit;
- 21 (d) Technology that may aid in effectively managing vehicular
22 pursuits;
- 23 (e) Responsibilities of the primary responding unit;
- 24 (f) Supervision of vehicular pursuits;
- 25 (g) The threshold for terminating a vehicular pursuit;
- 26 (h) Communication and coordination during interjurisdictional
27 vehicular pursuits; and
- 28 (i) Attention and response to injured persons.
- 29 (4) By December 1, 2023, the commission shall submit a report
30 containing its legislative policy recommendations to the appropriate
31 committees of the legislature, and publish the report on its website.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
33 RCW to read as follows:

- 34 (1) By October 31, 2023, the commission shall, subject to the
35 availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose,
36 develop and implement a vehicular pursuit technology grant program
37 for the purpose of providing modern vehicular pursuit management
38 technology to local law enforcement agencies including, but not
39 limited to, global positioning system tracking technology, automated

1 license plate reading technology, and nonarmed and nonarmored drone
2 technology.

3 (2) The commission shall establish policies for applications
4 under this section in addition to criteria for evaluating and
5 selecting grant recipients. Grants must be awarded to local law
6 enforcement agencies based on locally developed proposals. A proposal
7 must include a request for specific technology and a specific plan
8 for the implementation and use of that technology.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
11 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
12 effect June 30, 2023.

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