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**By** Senators Lovick, Randall, Dhingra, Hunt, Lias, Lovelett, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Robinson, Saldaña, Shewmake, and Van De Wege

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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of a model vehicle pursuit policy  
2 for law enforcement agencies and the creation of a vehicle pursuit  
3 technology grant program; and adding new sections to chapter 43.101  
4 RCW.

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) The commission shall convene a work group to develop a model  
9 vehicle pursuit policy for peace officers.

10 (2) The commission must ensure that the work group is comprised  
11 of community and law enforcement stakeholders, including the  
12 following: Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;  
13 Washington state patrol; Washington fraternal order of police;  
14 Washington council of police and sheriffs; Washington state patrol  
15 troopers association; council of metropolitan police and sheriffs;  
16 teamsters local 117; families who have lost loved ones as a result of  
17 violent interactions with law enforcement; an organization advocating  
18 for civil rights; a statewide organization advocating for Black  
19 Americans; a statewide organization advocating for Latinos; a  
20 statewide organization advocating for Asian Americans, Pacific  
21 Islanders, and Native Hawaiians; a federally recognized tribe located

1 in Washington state; a community organization from eastern Washington  
2 working on police accountability; a community organization from  
3 western Washington working on police accountability; a community  
4 organization serving persons who are unhoused; the faith-based  
5 community with advocacy on police accountability; a community  
6 organization working on traffic safety issues; and a statewide  
7 organization working on police accountability.

8 (3) The model policy work group shall consider:

9 (a) Circumstances where vehicle pursuits may not be justified;

10 (b) Circumstances where vehicle pursuits may be justified;

11 (c) Circumstances where peace officers should consider the use of  
12 tactics other than engaging in a vehicle pursuit;

13 (d) Procedures and tactics for officers engaged in a pursuit;

14 (e) Responsibilities of the primary responding unit;

15 (f) Supervision of pursuit activities;

16 (g) The responsibilities of dispatch when an officer is engaged  
17 in a vehicle pursuit;

18 (h) Factors influencing the termination of a pursuit;

19 (i) Factors related to interjurisdictional pursuits;

20 (j) Care and consideration of victims and injured persons; and

21 (k) Information to be included in reports related to the pursuit.

22 (4) The commission shall present the model vehicle pursuit policy  
23 as its recommendation to the appropriate committees of the  
24 legislature and publish the model policy on its website no later than  
25 October 31, 2024.

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

28 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
29 specific purpose, the commission shall develop and implement a law  
30 enforcement technology grant program for the purpose of providing law  
31 enforcement with modern vehicle pursuit management technology  
32 including but not limited to GPS tracking equipment, automated  
33 license plate reading technology, and drones.

34 (2) Grants must be awarded to local law enforcement agencies  
35 based on locally developed proposals. The commission shall establish  
36 policies for applications under this section in addition to criteria  
37 for evaluating and selecting grant recipients. A proposal must

- 1 include a request for specific technology and a specific plan for the
- 2 implementation and use of that technology.

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