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**SENATE BILL 5660**

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**By** Senators Boehnke, Dhingra, Saldaña, Wellman, and C. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a mental health advance directive  
2 effective implementation work group; creating a new section; and  
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The health care authority shall  
6 convene a mental health advance directive effective implementation  
7 work group to develop recommendations for the effective  
8 implementation of mental health advance directives. The work group  
9 shall have two subgroups.

10 (a) The document storage subgroup shall recommend a reliable,  
11 standardized, and accessible method for mental health advance  
12 directive document creation, storage, and sharing so that  
13 individuals, families, agencies, and providers can discover and use  
14 mental health advance directives when they are needed. The subgroup  
15 shall develop recommendations on the following:

16 (i) A path to creation of a statewide mental health advance  
17 directive repository;

18 (ii) Next steps towards piloting or implementation;

19 (iii) How to approach interoperability with other systems such as  
20 electronic medical records and the community information exchange;  
21 and

1 (iv) Reasonable steps necessary to protect the privacy of the  
2 individual.

3 (b) The training for document creation and utilization subgroup  
4 shall create mental health advance directive document creation and  
5 utilization trainings to support utilization by individuals with  
6 lived experience, families, agencies, and providers. The subgroup  
7 shall address the following tasks:

8 (i) Stakeholder engagement, including persons with lived  
9 experience;

10 (ii) Development of training toolkits rooted in best practices  
11 for recovery and peer support;

12 (iii) Designation or development of a hosting location for a  
13 toolkit library within the authority; and

14 (iv) Program testing and data collection for training toolkits at  
15 two pilot locations, one located to the east of the crest of the  
16 Cascade mountain range and one located to the west of the crest of  
17 the Cascade mountain range.

18 (2) The work group must be representative of the diversity of  
19 individuals who use mental health advance directives and behavioral  
20 health services, and include representation from:

21 (a) The peer advocacy community;

22 (b) Individuals and families with lived experience of behavioral  
23 health crises;

24 (c) Chad's legacy project;

25 (d) Licensed or certified behavioral health agencies;

26 (e) The Washington state department of veterans affairs;

27 (f) Black, indigenous, and persons of color;

28 (g) The behavioral health and recovery division of the health  
29 care authority;

30 (h) The Washington state medical association;

31 (i) The Washington state hospital association;

32 (j) Emergency services responders;

33 (k) Designated crisis responders;

34 (l) Emergency departments;

35 (m) Inpatient hospitals;

36 (n) Electronic health record vendors;

37 (o) An expert in technical repositories;

38 (p) 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention  
39 call centers; and

40 (q) Individuals with expertise in health care ethics and law.

1           (3) The state may provide compensation to work group members as  
2 authorized under RCW 43.03.220.

3           (4) The work group shall report on its findings and  
4 recommendations to the governor and relevant committees of the  
5 legislature by December 1, 2023.

6           (5) This section expires January 1, 2024.

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