

HB 1635 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Law & Justice

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 By July 1, 2025, the commission shall develop model standards for
6 the training and certification of canine teams to detect fentanyl.
7 When developing the model standards, the commission shall consult
8 with:

9 (1) Experts including public and private organizations that train
10 canines to imprint on controlled substances;

11 (2) Law enforcement or correctional agencies that use canines to
12 detect controlled substances;

13 (3) Experts on the training of canines for use by law
14 enforcement; and

15 (4) Licensed medical professionals and veterinarians, to the
16 extent reasonably available, with expertise in: (a) Developing and
17 implementing protocols to minimize exposure of canines and their
18 handlers to opioids and their derivatives, including fentanyl and its
19 derivatives; (b) detecting clinical signs of such exposure; and (c)
20 intervening with timely and appropriate medical and veterinary
21 medical treatment in the field, during stabilization and transport,
22 and in-hospital following exposure to opioids and their derivatives,
23 including fentanyl and its derivatives.

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 4.24.410 and 1993 c 180 s 1 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) As used in this section:

27 (a) "Police dog" means a dog used by a law enforcement agency
28 specially trained for law enforcement work and under the control of a
29 dog handler.

30 (b) "Accelerant detection dog" means a dog used exclusively for
31 accelerant detection by the state fire marshal or a fire department

1 and under the control of the state fire marshal or his or her
2 designee or a fire department handler.

3 (c) "Dog handler" means a law enforcement officer who has
4 successfully completed training as prescribed by the Washington state
5 criminal justice training commission in police dog handling, or in
6 the case of an accelerant detection dog, the state fire marshal's
7 designee or an employee of the fire department authorized by the fire
8 chief to be the dog's handler.

9 (d) "Lawful application of a police dog" means employment or
10 specific use of a police dog as allowed by law.

11 (2) Any dog handler who uses a police dog in the line of duty in
12 good faith is immune from civil action for damages arising out of
13 such use of the police dog or accelerant detection dog.

14 (3) A state or local government or law enforcement agency is not
15 strictly liable for damages resulting from the lawful application of
16 a police dog."

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17 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "dogs;" strike the
18 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 4.24.410; and adding
19 a new section to chapter 43.101 RCW."

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