

**ESSB 5599** - H AMD TO HSEL COMM AMD (H-1742.1/23) **659**

By Representative Couture

1 On page 9, after line 32 of the striking amendment, insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4.

4 (1) The office of homeless youth prevention and protection  
5 programs shall contract with an outside entity to:

6 (a) Gather data regarding the number of unsheltered homeless youth  
7 under age 18 in Washington state; and

8 (b) Develop recommendations for supporting unsheltered homeless  
9 youth under age 18 in Washington state.

10 (2) By December 1, 2023, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the  
11 office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs shall  
12 submit the information and recommendations described in subsection (1)  
13 of this section to the appropriate committees of the legislature."

EFFECT: Requires that the Office of Homeless Youth (OHY)  
contract with an outside entity to gather data regarding the number  
of unsheltered homeless youth under age 18 in the state and develop  
recommendations for supporting these youth. Requires the OHY to  
submit the information and recommendations to the Legislature by  
December 1, 2023.

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