
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6733

State of Washington

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2010 Regular Session

By Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senator King)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/10.

1 AN ACT Relating to allocating responsibility for court-related
2 costs of involuntary commitment proceedings; creating a new section;
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A legislature shall convene a work
6 group on the subject of costs related to court hearings under the
7 involuntary treatment act, with members as provided in this subsection.

8 (i) Members shall be invited to participate who represent the
9 diversity of opinions and practices around the state. Invited members
10 must include, but need not be limited to, members representing a
11 regional support network east of the Cascade mountains, a regional
12 support network west of the Cascade mountains, a predominantly urban
13 county, a predominantly rural county, a court administrator, a
14 prosecutor or representative of a prosecutor's association, a defense
15 attorney or representative of a defense association, and a consumer or
16 family representative.

17 (ii) The department of social and health services shall cooperate
18 with the work group and maintain a liaison representative, who shall be
19 a nonvoting member.

1 (b) The work group shall choose its chair from among its
2 membership. The legislature shall convene the initial meeting of the
3 work group.

4 (2) The work group shall review the following issues:

5 (a) Appropriate allocation of responsibility for court-related
6 costs and fees associated with involuntary commitment hearings; and

7 (b) Appropriate allocation of responsibility for court-related
8 costs and fees associated with involuntary commitment hearings when the
9 commitment hearing takes place in a different locality than the
10 locality in which the respondent was originally detained.

11 (3) Staff support for the work group must be provided by the senate
12 committee services and the house of representatives office of program
13 research.

14 (4) The expenses of the work group must be paid jointly by the
15 senate and house of representatives. Work group expenditures are
16 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
17 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
18 successor committees.

19 (5) The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to
20 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by
21 December 1, 2010.

22 (6) This section expires June 1, 2011.

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