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Honorable Manka Dhingra  
Honorable Mike Padden  
Senate Law & Justice Committee  
Post Office Box 40466  
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Honorable Roger Goodman  
Honorable Gina Mosbrucker  
House Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry Committee  
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Dear Senators Dhingra and Padden and Representatives Goodman and Mosbrucker:

Chapter 207, Laws of 2024 (Senate Bill 6146) directed the Governor's Office to convene a work group to develop processes and recommendations to ensure successful implementation of the Tribal Warrants Act (TWA). The Legislature also required the work group to submit a report summarizing its work to the governor and relevant legislative committees by December 1, 2024.

I am pleased to transmit a preliminary report of the Governor's Work Group on Tribal Warrants prepared by The Whitener Group in collaboration with the Governor's Office. This report provides the Legislature with the Work Group's recommended list of deliverables, proposals for follow-up legislation, and suggested best practices for the TWA, which becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact former chief Tribal judge and University of Washington law professor Ron Whitener, [ronw@whitengroup.biz](mailto:ronw@whitengroup.biz); Skagit County Superior Court Judge Laura M. Riquelme, [lriquelme@skagit.co.wa.us](mailto:lriquelme@skagit.co.wa.us); or me at [barbara.serrano@gov.wa.gov](mailto:barbara.serrano@gov.wa.gov).

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