
SENATE BILL 6591

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a work group to address mental
2 health advance directives; adding a new section to chapter 71.32 RCW;
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71.32
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The health care authority shall facilitate a work group to
8 examine the use of mental health advance directives in Washington,
9 how to improve and promote awareness and utilization of mental health
10 advance directives in Washington, examine barriers and outcomes, and
11 advise the legislature in the updating of the mental health advance
12 directive law.

13 (2) The work group shall be convened by the health care authority
14 and invite participation from behavioral health advocates, including
15 but not limited to disability rights Washington, the national
16 alliance on mental illness, and mothers of the mentally ill; mental
17 health peers and peer advocates; hospitals; community behavioral
18 health agencies; dementia advocates; the Washington state bar
19 association elder law section; Seattle University school of law; the
20 Washington state long-term care ombuds; managed care organizations;

1 designated crisis responders; jails; and others at the discretion of
2 the health care authority.

3 (3) The work group shall hold its first meeting by June 30, 2020,
4 and submit a final report to the governor and appropriate committees
5 of the legislature by October 1, 2022.

6 (4) This section expires June 30, 2024.

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