
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1949

State of Washington

66th Legislature

2019 Regular Session

By House Civil Rights & Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Hansen, Irwin, Griffey, Kilduff, and Graham)

READ FIRST TIME 02/22/19.

1 AN ACT Relating to conducting a feasibility study to examine and
2 make recommendations regarding the establishment of a single point of
3 contact firearm background check system; creating a new section; and
4 providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Subject to the availability of amounts
7 appropriated for this specific purpose, the office of financial
8 management shall conduct a feasibility study and make recommendations
9 regarding the establishment of a single point of contact, also known
10 as a full point of contact, system for firearm background checks. The
11 office of financial management may contract with an independent
12 expert to assist with the feasibility study. The study must consider
13 and make recommendations regarding, but not limited to, the
14 following:

15 (a) Whether or not public safety in Washington could be improved
16 by implementing a single point of contact system in Washington;

17 (b) Whether a single point of contact system in Washington would
18 more effectively keep prohibited persons from obtaining firearms
19 while continuing to respect a person's right to bear arms consistent
20 with Article 1, section 24 of the state Constitution and the Second
21 Amendment of the Constitution of the United States;

1 (c) Whether a single point of contact system in Washington would
2 simplify the background check process for those purchasing firearms,
3 firearms dealers, and law enforcement agencies;

4 (d) The feasibility of creating a single point of contact system
5 within the Washington state patrol or the Washington association of
6 sheriffs and police chiefs, creating a new agency for this purpose,
7 or a combination of these options;

8 (e) What computer system improvements would need to be made to
9 most effectively and efficiently administer a single point of contact
10 system in Washington; and

11 (f) The approximate cost to establish a single point of contact
12 system in Washington, and the approximate annual cost to operate such
13 a system.

14 (2) The office of financial management shall submit a final
15 report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
16 legislature by December 1, 2019.

17 (3) The office of financial management and its agents and
18 employees are immune from civil liability arising out of their work
19 pursuant to this section unless it is shown that the office of
20 financial management or its agents and employees acted with gross
21 negligence or bad faith.

22 (4) This section expires July 1, 2020.

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