

EFFECT:

- Adds an intent section;
- Adds required members to the work group;
- Adds additional factors the work group must consider in drafting a model policy for the training and use of vehicular pursuits for peace officers.

1       AN ACT Relating to the creation of a model vehicle pursuit policy  
2       for law enforcement agencies and the creation of a vehicle pursuit  
3       technology grant program; adding new sections to chapter 43.101 RCW;  
4       and creating a new section.

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

6       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**   (1) It is the intent of the legislature to  
7       establish laws pertaining to vehicular pursuits that balance the  
8       values of traffic safety and compliance with established laws with  
9       ensuring the safety of communities, police officers, bystanders,  
10      victims, and those who violate the law.

11      (2) The legislature finds that objective, empirical research and  
12      data concerning the underlying cause of vehicular pursuits, the  
13      effect of pursuit policies on traffic safety, and law compliance are  
14      insufficient.

15      (3) Therefore, the legislature finds and declares that the  
16      purpose of this act is to facilitate the creation of an objective,  
17      fact-based model policy for the training and use of vehicle pursuits  
18      for peace officers.

19      NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   A new section is added to chapter 43.101  
20      RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The commission shall convene a work group to develop a model  
2 policy for the training and use of vehicular pursuits for peace  
3 officers.

4 (2) The commission must ensure that the work group is comprised  
5 of community and law enforcement stakeholders, including the  
6 following: Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;  
7 Washington state patrol; Washington fraternal order of police;  
8 Washington council of police and sheriffs; Washington state patrol  
9 troopers association; teamsters local 117; families who have lost  
10 loved ones as a result of violent interactions with law enforcement;  
11 families who have lost loved ones as a result of actions by others  
12 violating traffic or criminal laws; an organization advocating for  
13 civil rights; Washington association of prosecuting attorneys; a  
14 national organization advocating for traffic safety; a scholar from  
15 the Seattle University department of criminal justice, criminology,  
16 and forensics; Washington state association of counties; association  
17 of Washington cities; a statewide organization advocating for Black  
18 Americans; a statewide organization advocating for Latinos; a  
19 statewide organization advocating for Asian Americans, Pacific  
20 Islanders, and Native Hawaiians; a federally recognized tribe located  
21 in Washington state; a community organization from eastern Washington  
22 working on police accountability; a community organization from  
23 western Washington working on police accountability; a community  
24 organization serving persons who are unhoused; the faith-based  
25 community with advocacy on police accountability; a community  
26 organization working on traffic safety issues; association of  
27 Washington business; and Washington retail association.

28 (3) The model policy work group shall consider:

- 29 (a) Circumstances where vehicle pursuits may not be justified;
- 30 (b) Circumstances where vehicle pursuits may be justified;
- 31 (c) Circumstances where peace officers should consider the use of  
32 tactics other than engaging in a vehicle pursuit;
- 33 (d) Procedures and tactics for officers engaged in a pursuit;
- 34 (e) Responsibilities of the primary responding unit;
- 35 (f) Supervision of pursuit activities;
- 36 (g) The responsibilities of dispatch when an officer is engaged  
37 in a vehicle pursuit;
- 38 (h) Factors influencing the termination of a pursuit;
- 39 (i) Factors related to interjurisdictional pursuits;
- 40 (j) Care and consideration of victims and injured persons;

(k) Information to be included in reports related to the pursuit;

(l) Peer-reviewed scholarly analysis and assessment of the effectiveness of RCW 10.116.060 concerning vehicular pursuits;

(m) Peer-reviewed research findings pertaining to pursuit policies, procedures, and training;

(n) Data collected from Washington state law enforcement agencies to assist with formulating evidence-based recommendations;

(o) Factors influencing motorist decisions to flee police detention;

(p) Demographic data of individuals who flee police detention;

(q) Pursuit results when officers terminate or pursue to conclusion; and

(r) Correlation of results with nationwide review of pursuit policy and training practices.

(4) A law enforcement agency may submit to the work group for its review and consideration a preferred policy for the training and use of vehicle pursuits.

(5) The commission shall present the model vehicle pursuit policy as its recommendation to the appropriate committees of the legislature and publish the model policy on its website no later than October 31, 2024.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the commission shall develop and implement a law enforcement technology grant program for the purpose of providing law enforcement with modern vehicle pursuit management technology including but not limited to GPS tracking equipment, automated license plate reading technology, aircraft, and drones.

(2) Grants must be awarded to local law enforcement agencies based on locally developed proposals. The commission shall establish policies for applications under this section in addition to criteria for evaluating and selecting grant recipients. A proposal must include a request for specific technology and a specific plan for the implementation, use, and effectiveness reporting of that technology.

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