

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1949**

Chapter 35, Laws of 2019

66th Legislature  
2019 Regular Session

FIREARM BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM--FEASIBILITY STUDY

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 2019

Passed by the House March 6, 2019  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 3, 2019  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 17, 2019 12:41 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1949** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

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April 18, 2019

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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

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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.

Passed by the House March 6, 2019.

Passed by the Senate April 3, 2019.

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