

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 952.** (1) The Washington state criminal
2 sentencing task force is established.

3 (2) The task force is composed of members as provided in this
4 subsection.

5 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from
6 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

7 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one
8 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
9 representatives.

10 (c) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
11 representatives jointly shall appoint members representing the
12 following:

13 (i) The office of the governor;
14 (ii) Caseload forecast council;
15 (iii) Department of corrections;
16 (iv) Sentencing guidelines commission;
17 (v) Statewide family council administered by the department of
18 corrections;

19 (vi) Statewide reentry council;
20 (vii) Superior court judges' association;
21 (viii) Washington association of criminal defense attorneys or
22 the Washington defender association;

23 (ix) Washington association of prosecuting attorneys;
24 (x) Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;
25 (xi) Washington state association of counties;
26 (xii) Washington state minority and justice commission;
27 (xiii) A labor organization representing active law enforcement
28 officers in Washington state;

29 (xiv) Two different community organizations representing the
30 interests of incarcerated persons; and

31 (xv) Two different community organizations or other entities
32 representing the interests of crime victims.

33 (3) The legislative membership shall convene the initial meeting
34 of the task force no later than September 1, 2019. The membership
35 shall select the task force's cochairs, which must include one
36 legislator and one nonlegislative member.

37 (4) The task force shall review state sentencing laws, including
38 a consideration of the report of the sentencing guidelines commission
39 required by section 129, chapter 299, Laws of 2018. The task force
40 shall develop recommendations for the purpose of:

- 1 (a) Reducing sentencing implementation complexities and errors;
2 (b) Improving the effectiveness of the sentencing system; and
3 (c) Promoting and improving public safety.

4 (5) The task force shall submit an initial report, including
5 findings and recommendations, to the governor and the appropriate
6 committees of the legislature by December 31, 2019. The task force
7 shall submit a final report by December 31, 2020.

8 (6)(a) The William D. Ruckelshaus center shall administer and
9 provide staff support and facilitation services to the task force.
10 The center may, when deemed necessary by the task force, contract
11 with one or more appropriate consultants to provide data analysis,
12 research, and other services to the task force for the purposes
13 provided in subsection (4) of this section.

14 (b) The caseload forecast council shall provide information, data
15 analysis, and other necessary assistance upon the request of the task
16 force.

17 (7) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
18 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
19 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
20 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
21 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
22 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

23 (8) This section expires January 1, 2021.

24 **Sec. 953.** RCW 28B.20.476 and 2018 c 299 s 905 are each amended
25 to read as follows:

26 The geoduck aquaculture research account is created in the
27 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from any legislative
28 appropriations, the aquaculture industry, or any other private or
29 public source directed to the account must be deposited in the
30 account. Expenditures from the account may only be used by the sea
31 grant program for the geoduck research projects identified by RCW
32 28B.20.475. Only the president of the University of Washington or the
33 president's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The
34 account is subject to the allotment procedures under chapter 43.88
35 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures. During
36 the 2017-2019 and 2019-2021 fiscal (~~(biennium)~~) biennia, amounts
37 available in the geoduck aquaculture research account may also be
38 appropriated for the sea grant program at the University of
39 Washington to conduct research examining the possible negative and