

**EXCERPT FROM ESSB 6153
(STATE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE 2001-2003 BIENNIUM)**

SECTION 220

(8) From funds appropriated in this section, the state board of health shall convene a broadly-based task force to review the available information on the potential risks and benefits to public and personal health and safety, and to individual privacy, of emerging technologies involving human deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA). The board may reimburse task force members for travel expenses according to RCW 43.03.220. The task force shall consider information provided to it by interested persons on: (a) The incidence of discriminatory actions based upon genetic information; (b) strategies to safeguard civil rights and privacy related to genetic information; (c) remedies to compensate individuals for inappropriate use of their genetic information; and (d) incentives for further research and development on the use of DNA to promote public health, safety, and welfare. The task force shall report on its findings and any recommendations to appropriate committees of the legislature by October 1, 2002.