

Technology Services Board Subcommittee – Project Synopsis

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Washington State Patrol (WSP) Centralized Firearms Background Check Project

Project overview

The objective today of this next presentation is to introduce you to a new program and provide a status of project activity to date.

Last legislative session, E2SHB 2467 established a state background check unit managed by the Washington State Patrol (WSP) to process background checks for all firearm transfers and purchases. The Firearm Background Check Unit serves as the centralized single point of contact for dealers to conduct background checks for firearms sales and transfers. Legislation also establishes a Background Check Advisory Board to provide oversight on the establishment and operation of the state firearm background check system.

The legislature appropriated \$400,000 and placed these funds in the IT Pool. The first step and intent of these funds is for the WSP to develop a plan to implement a centralized firearm background check system. Funding is provided to procure a consultant to design an information technology system to conduct firearm background checks through a centralized system and a WSP project manager to design the implementation plan.

WSP will work closely with Department of Licensing, Administrative Office of the Courts, Health Care Authority, Office of Financial Management, and WaTech who each play a key role in the licensing of firearms licensing and required background checks.

The feasibility and planning phase of the project culminates in an implementation plan to be presented to the legislature by December 1, 2020.

For TSB subcommittee discussion

- Based on description of project, what does TSB see as biggest risk, why, and any recommendations or considerations to mitigate.
- Large, vocal, and political stakeholders; recommendations to engage and inform.
- Any questions, concerns, or considerations as the project moves forward.

Project budget and timeline

WSP will utilize the Firearms Background Check System Account. There is currently \$1.012M in the account. \$400,000 available for the design of the IT solution and development of the implementation plan. Dealers are required to charge a fee to conduct the background check for any purchase or transfer of a firearm. The fee is then transmitted to the Firearms Background Check System Account.

Budget	
Firearms Background Check System Account	\$1.012M
Design IT Solution and Develop Implementation Plan	<-> \$400,000

Budget	
	Total Project Cost

Key Project Milestones	Planned Date
Implementation Plan Report to Legislature	12 01 2020

