

December 01, 2025

Honorable Manka Dhingra
Honorable Jeff Holy
Senate Law & Justice Committee

Honorable Roger Goodman
Honorable Jenny Graham
House Community Safety Committee

Dear Senators Dhingra, Holy, and Representatives Goodman, Graham,

In compliance with our statute, the Washington State Office of Independent Investigations (OII) is submitting the attached document.

The direction to OII is found in RCW 43.102.050(3) which states, "in consultation with the Advisory Board, the director shall develop a proposal for training individuals who are nonlaw enforcement officers to conduct competent, thorough investigations of cases under the jurisdiction of the office. The proposal must establish a training plan with an objective that within five years of the date the office begins investigating deadly force cases the cases will be investigated by nonlaw enforcement officers. The director shall report such proposal to the governor and legislature by December 01, 2025."

After building the organization from the ground up, OII began by establishing a program in July 2023 to review use of deadly force cases by law enforcement that had been previously investigated when there was an assertion of new evidence.

Then, on December 1, 2024, OII initiated operations to respond to and investigate fatal uses of deadly force by law enforcement officers, covering an area that includes 12 counties in Southwest Washington and the Olympic Peninsula. Today, OII is operating in that one region and is not yet operational statewide.

This attached report, "*Training Proposal – Report to the Legislature*" articulates our progress and outlines the proposal to continue to hire and train investigators without prior law enforcement experience while also expanding operations statewide.

Sincerely,



Roger Rogoff
Director

cc: Honorable Debra Entenman
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