What needs to change?

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology continues to rapidly develop, more products and services are coming onto the market and becoming more widely used as versatile tools. Specifically, generative AI — AI that creates content such as text, images, or audio — has exploded in popularity in recent years, with tools like ChatGPT becoming some of the fastest-growing consumer internet applications of all time.<sup>1</sup>

To keep Washington on the cutting edge of innovation while protecting Washingtonians, it's imperative to look at AI's growing use, benefits, potential for irresponsible use, and any unintended consequences.

### What is the solution? SB 5838 / HB 1934

The AI Task Force will convene industry representatives, civil liberties groups, subject matter experts, and other stakeholders to discuss the topic in-depth and make recommendations to the Legislature.

The Task Force will address a number of questions regarding generative AI, such as: the benefits and risks to the broad public, historically excluded communities and other identifiable groups; racial equity and civil rights considerations; data privacy and safety concerns; workforce impacts; protecting the innovation of generative AI; ethical concerns; and many other topics.

# **Key Stats** According to a McKinsey survey from April 2023:

41% of respondents in North America report regularly using generative AI

of respondents say they've had at least some exposure to generative AI, either for work or outside of work, and 22% say they are regularly using it in their own work

Of all respondents who have adopted AI, nearly 40% expect more than 20% of their companies' workforces will be re-skilled, and 8% of respondents say the size of their workforces will decrease by more than 20%.

## What are other jurisdictions doing?

As of 2023, at least 25 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia have introduced legislation related to AI, and 14 states and Puerto Rico adopted resolutions or enacted legislation. Four states — Colorado, Illinois, Vermont, and Virginia — have created task forces or commissions to study AI.

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