

2SSB 5459 - S AMD 451
By Senator Chase

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1 On page 13, after line 19, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.20
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) The department shall keep all residential habilitation centers
5 open until there are sufficient community options and support services
6 and appropriate safety precautions and supports available to serve the
7 clients who currently resident in these residential habilitation
8 centers. The department is directed to admit those individuals who are
9 at "immediate risk" or in need of "immediate stabilization".

10 (2) Any fiscal assumptions related to moving people from
11 residential habilitation centers to the community must factor in
12 adequate funding to provide oversight in a fractured system that is as
13 good or better than the current oversight achieved in the institutional
14 settings in the state. The assumptions must take into account
15 protection needed for very vulnerable individuals in small isolated
16 settings around the state, not just for the relatively few years that
17 aging individuals reside in them. The oversight needed in community
18 settings for people with developmental disabilities must be for the
19 lifespan of individuals, which means decades."

20 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
21 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Requires RHCs to stay open until sufficient community options with adequate safety precautions for people with developmental disabilities are established.

Mandates that the department admit to RHCs individuals who are at immediate risk or in need of immediate stabilization.

Fiscal assumptions must include consideration of safety factors and oversight in the community that are as good or better than current conditions in institutions.

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