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HOUSE BILL 1983

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State of Washington                      63rd Legislature                      2013 Regular Session

By Representative Appleton

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1            AN ACT Relating to expansion of adult day health programs; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 74.39A RCW; and creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washingtonians  
5 sixty-five years of age and older will nearly double in the next twenty  
6 years, to almost twenty percent. Younger people living with  
7 disabilities will also require supportive long-term care services.  
8 Nationally, younger people living with a disability account for thirty-  
9 seven percent of the total number of people who need long-term care.

10           The legislature further finds that adult day health programs  
11 provide an important and valuable service that allows people to live as  
12 independently as possible, while receiving services that are essential  
13 to their health and well-being, and still residing in their own homes  
14 or adult family homes.

15           The legislature further finds that adult day health programs  
16 provide a valuable respite from caregiving responsibilities for family  
17 members, supporting family caregivers and allowing them to continue to  
18 care for their family member without needing more formal services or a  
19 higher level residential care.

1       The legislature further finds that adult day health programs are  
2 not conveniently available in all communities in Washington state. It  
3 is important that a special effort be established to assist unserved  
4 and underserved communities to develop adult day health programs.

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.39A RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7       Within funds appropriated for this purpose, the department shall  
8 develop a challenge grant program to assist communities and  
9 organizations in efforts to plan and establish additional adult day  
10 health programs throughout the state. The challenge grant program  
11 shall provide financial grants, not to exceed one hundred thousand  
12 dollars for each grant, for the purpose of helping to meet the costs of  
13 planning, development, and start-up of new adult day health programs in  
14 underserved communities. Recipients of these grants must provide  
15 matching resources, in funds or in-kind, of equal value to any grant  
16 received. Any adult day health program developed after receiving a  
17 challenge grant must agree to serve people whose care is paid for by  
18 the state medical assistance program on a first-come, first-served  
19 basis regardless of the source of payment.

20       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
21 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
22 June 30, 2014, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
23 void.

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