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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of the adult family home advisory
2 council; and adding new sections to chapter 70.128 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The governor shall appoint an adult
5 family advisory council. The council shall be comprised of:

6 (1) One adult family home owner from each department of social and
7 health services region;

8 (2) Three adult family home residents or a member of their
9 immediate family;

10 (3) One area agency on aging representative, to be a nonvoting
11 member;

12 (4) The director of the department of social and health services
13 division of developmental disabilities or his or her designee, to be a
14 nonvoting member;

1 (5) The director of the department of social and health services
2 mental health division or his or her designee, to be a nonvoting
3 member;

4 (6) One department of social and health services adult family home
5 licensor, to be a nonvoting member;

6 (7) The state long-term care ombudsman or his or her designee;

7 (8) One member representing the developmental disabilities planning
8 council;

9 (9) One member representing the state's protection and advocacy
10 program; and

11 (10) The governor may select from lists provided by interested
12 organizations and individuals, four members from the general public,
13 one each representing the traumatically brain injured, the mentally
14 ill, persons with alzheimer and other related dementias, and persons
15 with AIDS.

16 Each member shall hold office for a term of four years, except that
17 any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the
18 expiration of the term for which his or her predecessor was appointed
19 shall be appointed for the remainder of such term and the terms of
20 office of the members first taking office shall expire, as designated
21 at the time of appointment. The terms of appointment shall be the
22 following: Two at the end of the first year, three at the end of the
23 second year, three at the end of the third year, and two at the end of
24 the fourth year after the date of appointment. Thereafter, all
25 appointments shall be for three years. The chair of the council shall
26 be appointed by the members of the council, however the chair shall
27 not be a representative of any agency within state government. It
28 shall be the duty of the chair to call a meeting of the council. The
29 council shall meet not less than quarterly each year, however may meet
30 more frequently as the chair deems necessary and upon the formal

1 written request of no less than six members. Each member of the
2 council shall receive travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.060.
3 All adult family home council members shall be appointed no less than
4 six months after the effective date of this act.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The adult family home advisory council
6 shall:

7 (1) Consult with the legislature and the department of social and
8 health services in all matters of policy affecting administration of
9 adult family homes, and in development of all rules and regulations
10 pertaining to adult family homes;

11 (2) Review and make recommendations with respect to rules,
12 regulations, and standards pertaining to nursing homes prior to their
13 adoption and promulgation by the department;

14 (3) Provide recommendations to the secretary of the department of
15 social and health services and the legislature on ways in which the
16 adult family home industry can increase the utilization of the program
17 by private and state clients, improve and maintain health and safety
18 standards, improve the quality of life and the quality of resident
19 care, establish appropriate uniform adult family home owner training,
20 and other issues that the council finds appropriate and beneficial for
21 the adult family home program;

22 (4) Assist the department of social and health services in
23 educating the public about adult family homes; and

24 (5) Plan an adult family home week.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are each
26 added to chapter 70.128 RCW.