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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2983**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Robertson, L. Thomas, Pennington, Costa, Mitchell, Regala, Cooke and McCune)

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1 AN ACT Relating to residential living arrangements for adults with  
2 severe developmental disabilities; and adding a new section to chapter  
3 71A.12 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.12 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 It is the intent of the legislature that the department encourage  
8 the development of residential living arrangements and related services  
9 for individuals with developmental disabilities through contracts with  
10 private nonprofit organizations, which may include those overseen by  
11 boards composed of parents. Such contracts for services must reflect  
12 comparable cost and service quality to contracts with other entities.

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