

1850-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer, Backlund, Skinner, Talcott, Schoesler, Mitchell and Cooke)

Brief Title: Adopting the long-term care reorganization and standards of care reform act.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Establishes a new division, known as the division of long-term care services, which is mandated to coordinate client-centered, long-term care services in a way that increases safety, accountability, and quality, minimizes administrative cost, eliminates unnecessarily complex administrative barriers, minimizes program and service duplication, and maximizes the use of financial resources in directly meeting the needs of persons of all ages with chronic functional limitations.

Designates the functions transferred from department of social and health services and department of health.

Designates quality standards and complaint enforcement.

Declares an intent of the legislature to ensure that needy individuals have access to basic medical care without requiring them to sell their homes.

Establishes a boarding home uniform disciplinary act.

Revises provisions relating to adult family homes.

Adds programs for the criminally insane.

Revises whistleblower provisions.

Requires long-term care facilities to disclose the service capabilities prior to admitting a resident.

Provides for background screening for employees.

Prohibits waivers of rights for liability of a facility.

Repeals RCW 74.39.001, 74.39.005, 74.39.030, 74.39.040, 74.39A.005, 74.39A.007, and 74.39A.008.