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By Representatives Edmonds, Pennington, Schual-Berke, Conway, Haigh,  
Santos and Kagi

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1 AN ACT Relating to the establishment of an advisory board for  
2 boarding homes; and adding a new section to chapter 18.20 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.20 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) In an effort to ensure a cooperative process among the  
7 department, boarding home provider representatives, and resident and  
8 family representatives on matters pertaining to the boarding home  
9 program, the secretary, or his or her designee, shall designate an  
10 advisory board. The advisory board must include representatives of the  
11 state-wide boarding home associations, the state long-term care  
12 ombudsman program, the state-wide resident council program, and family  
13 representatives. Depending on the topic to be discussed, the  
14 department may invite other representatives in addition to the named  
15 members of the advisory board. The secretary, or his or her designee,  
16 shall periodically, but not less than quarterly, convene a meeting of  
17 the advisory board to encourage open dialogue on matters affecting the  
18 boarding home program. It is, minimally, expected that the department  
19 will discuss with the advisory board the department's inspection,

1 enforcement, and quality improvement activities, in addition to seeking  
2 their comments and recommendations on matters described under  
3 subsection (2) of this section.

4 (2) The secretary, or his or her designee, shall seek comments and  
5 recommendations from the advisory board prior to the promulgation of  
6 rules and standards, implementation of programs or procedures,  
7 development of methods and rates of payment, or the issuance of  
8 guidelines.

9 (3) For the purpose of implementing this section, "department"  
10 means either the department of health or the department of social and  
11 health services, depending on which department has the licensing  
12 authority under this chapter.

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