
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4439

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By Representatives Pflug, Parlette, Edmonds and Cody

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1 WHEREAS, Washington's chronically functionally disabled population
2 of all ages is increasing at a rapid pace due to a rapidly growing
3 population of the very old and an increased incidence of disability due
4 to technological improvements in acute care causing people to live
5 longer; and

6 WHEREAS, The public demands that long-term care services be client
7 and family-centered, safe, economically effective and efficient, and
8 designed to encourage individual dignity and allow for meaningful and
9 accessible care options; and

10 WHEREAS, Long-term care services should be administered in a way
11 that increases safety, accountability, and quality, minimizes
12 administrative cost, eliminates unnecessarily complex administrative
13 barriers, minimizes program and services duplication, and maximizes the
14 use of financial resources in directly meeting the needs of persons of
15 all ages with chronic functional limitations, including persons with
16 acute episodic mental illness;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
18 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint
19 legislative committee on long-term care and rehabilitation oversight be
20 created. The committee shall consist of: Four members of the senate
21 appointed by the president of the senate, two from the majority party

1 and two from the minority party; and four members of the house of
2 representatives, appointed by the co-speakers of the house of
3 representatives, two from each party; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee elect a chair and vice-
5 chair. The chair shall be a member of the senate in even-numbered
6 years and a member of the house of representatives in odd-numbered
7 years. The vice-chair shall be a member of the senate in odd-numbered
8 years and a member of the house of representatives in even-numbered
9 years; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall:

11 (1) With the assistance of the department of social and health
12 services, develop relevant demographic information and projected
13 estimates of future long-term care services needs and utilization;

14 (2) Review the need to reorganize the administration of long-term
15 care services to correspond to projected estimates of needs and
16 utilization of long-term care services;

17 (3) Review all quality standards developed, revised, and enforced
18 by the department;

19 (4) Initiate or review studies relevant to the issues of
20 administration, delivery, and quality of long-term care services;

21 (5) Review all rules proposed by the department to ensure
22 consistency with legislative intent;

23 (6) Report to the legislature the progress on reorganization and
24 reform consistent with this resolution;

25 (7) Prepare legislation necessary to implement the intent of this
26 resolution;

27 (8) Review the need to develop a geographically balanced matrix of
28 designated service areas; and

29 (9) Review the boarding home third party licensing proposal for a
30 pilot project to establish a joint public private licensing process for
31 boarding homes; and

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint legislative committee on
33 long-term care and rehabilitation oversight expire on March 1, 2004.

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