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Sponsor(s): Senators Thibaudeau, Wojahn, Deccio, Winsley and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Brief Description: Protecting vulnerable adults.

**SB 5561 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that the provisions for the protection of vulnerable adults found in chapters 26.44, 70.124, and 74.34 RCW contain different definitions for abandonment, abuse, exploitation, and neglect. The legislature finds that combining the sections of these chapters that pertain to the protection of vulnerable adults would better serve this state's population of vulnerable adults.

Declares that the purpose of chapter 74.34 RCW is to provide the department and law enforcement agencies with the authority to investigate complaints of abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, or neglect of vulnerable adults and to provide protective services and legal remedies to protect these vulnerable adults.

Repeals RCW 74.34.010, 74.34.015, 74.34.030, 74.34.055, and 74.34.060.