

6502-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Winsley, Thibaudeau and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

Brief Description: Changing provisions on long-term care training.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that many residents of community-based long-term care facilities are vulnerable and their health and well-being are dependent on their caregivers. The quality, skills, and knowledge of their caregivers are often the key to good care.

Finds that the need for well-trained caregivers is growing as the state's population ages and residents' needs increase.

Declares an intent that current training standards should be enhanced.

Directs the secretary to appoint a steering committee for community long-term care training and education to advise the department on the development and approval of criteria for training materials, the development of competency tests, the development of criteria for trainers, and the development of exemptions from training.