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Sponsor(s): Senators Kline, Winsley, Wojahn and McDonald

Brief Description: Returning persons with developmental disabilities to the community.

SB 6765 - DIGEST

Finds that the United States supreme court has provided a clear legal framework directing states to enable individuals with developmental disabilities to live in community settings.

Declares an intent, in compliance with the supreme court's decision, to make sure that persons with developmental disabilities are given every opportunity to live in community settings.

Provides that a team of skilled evaluators, including at least one regional case manager, shall annually assess each resident to determine if he or she can be supported in a community setting in accordance with RCW 71A.10.015.

Requires the department of social and health services to annually evaluate the adjustment of the resident to the specific placement, whether in a residential habilitation center or in a community setting. The evaluation shall include regular on-site visits to observe the resident's living situation and all supports, including health services and vacation or day programs. Any person who is found to be in a setting that is unsafe or inappropriate shall be promptly transferred to a setting where his or her needs will be met.