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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Talcott, Tokuda, Boldt, Pflug, Carrell, Veloria, Jackley, Anderson, Mitchell, Casada, Miloscia, Edwards, Lantz, Conway, Morell, Santos, Bush, Hurst, Dunn and Campbell)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a pilot project to provide
2 community-based services through a public-private based partnership for
3 persons with developmental disabilities; creating new sections; and
4 making appropriations.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

7 (a) The United States department of health and human services,
8 which administers medicaid funding, has announced that one of its goals
9 is to integrate people with developmental disabilities into the social
10 mainstream, with equal opportunities and the chance to make choices.

11 (b) The health care financing administration is urging states to
12 develop plans that strengthen support systems and to actively involve
13 people with disabilities and their families in the design, development,
14 and implementation of these plans.

15 (c) The Washington state division of developmental disabilities
16 strategies for the future stakeholder work group, as directed by the
17 legislature under RCW 71A.12.180, developed recommendations for
18 restructuring the delivery system to create one that is based on an
19 individual choice and self-determination service delivery philosophy.

1 (d) There are presently over five thousand persons in the state of
2 Washington with developmental disabilities who are in need of housing,
3 including residential placement services.

4 (e) Many families of developmentally disabled persons are in need
5 of additional services in the areas of residential support, community
6 relationships, peer development, job training, and other ancillary
7 activities to improve the quality of life and service, and these needs
8 cannot be met under current budgetary allocations. These families are
9 not only asking for assistance, they are also asking to be an integral
10 part of the planning process that affects their loved ones.

11 (2) It is the intent of the legislature to authorize the secretary
12 of social and health services to develop and coordinate a pilot project
13 to expand service options and support services to persons with
14 developmental disabilities and to serve as a model of private and
15 public funding coming together to offer individualized options to
16 individuals and families who desire to be partners in developing
17 supports.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The secretary of social and health
19 services shall develop and coordinate a pilot project under which the
20 department contracts with an agency provider to administer funds
21 necessary for supports and services, including residential placement,
22 for twenty eligible persons with developmental disabilities. The
23 purpose of the pilot project is to:

24 (a) Provide services for persons with developmental disabilities
25 through a special public-private partnership that is based on the
26 principles of self-directed/person-centered supports and that uses
27 public and private dollars as the funding source;

28 (b) In cooperation with providers, establish and develop services
29 for persons with developmental disabilities through regionally
30 administered programs;

31 (c) Augment the limited resources of the state to provide a
32 stable, secure, and more encompassing provision of services and
33 supports;

34 (d) Expand service options to people with developmental
35 disabilities; and

36 (e) Demonstrate a person-centered, community-based, individually
37 budgeted model for developing and delivering service and support.

1 (2)(a) The pilot project must be based on a service delivery model
2 that is designed and administered according to the needs of the
3 individuals. All individuals to be served must meet the criteria for
4 services established by the division of developmental disabilities and
5 must be assessed using a person-centered planning process. The pilot
6 project shall provide services to eligible persons with developmental
7 disabilities. The eligible persons shall be representative of the
8 spectrum of service needs found amongst persons with developmental
9 disabilities. All persons who meet the division of developmental
10 disabilities criteria for service must be considered regardless of
11 disability, age, race, religious affiliation, gender, socioeconomic
12 status, or marital status.

13 (b) Based on the person-centered assessment and service planning
14 process, each participant is to be provided the residential option
15 necessary to meet his or her individual needs.

16 (c) Individuals participating in the pilot project shall receive
17 only those services that they need and want. In accordance with each
18 individual plan, participants shall choose providers to meet their
19 individual service needs. Services to be provided include, but are not
20 limited to, any or all of the following:

- 21 (i) Health and medical care;
- 22 (ii) Transportation;
- 23 (iii) Personal hygiene;
- 24 (iv) Meal planning and preparation;
- 25 (v) Housekeeping;
- 26 (vi) Budgeting and personal finance;
- 27 (vii) Home maintenance;
- 28 (viii) Supported employment supports;
- 29 (ix) Recreation and leisure planning;
- 30 (x) Community access and involvement;
- 31 (xi) Self-advocacy; and
- 32 (xii) Family support.

33 (3) The department of social and health services shall measure and
34 monitor the quality of service provided under the pilot project.
35 Quality of service must be in compliance with state and federal law.

36 (4) The department shall evaluate the pilot project and make an
37 initial report of its findings and conclusions to the legislature by
38 December 1, 2002, and a final report by December 1, 2003.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The sum of three hundred sixty thousand
2 dollars from the state general fund and the sum of three hundred sixty-
3 eight thousand dollars in federal funds, or as much thereof as may be
4 necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, to
5 the department of social and health services to establish a pilot
6 project as provided in section 2 of this act in Region V.

7 (2) The sum of five hundred seventeen thousand dollars from the
8 state general fund and the sum of five hundred twenty-five thousand
9 dollars in federal funds, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
10 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, to the
11 department of social and health services to establish a pilot project
12 as provided in section 2 of this act in Region V.

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