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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 unique options to families who  
16 desire to be equal partners in developing support for their family  
17 members.

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 necessary  
21 support and services, including residential placement, for twenty  
22 eligible persons with developmental disabilities. In addition, the  
23 department shall cooperate with a private nonprofit community  
24 organization which provides additional support services to augment  
25 contracted services to make sure each individual's needs are met. The  
26 purpose of the pilot project is to:

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

31 (b) In cooperation with licensed providers, establish and develop  
32 services for persons with developmental disabilities through regionally  
33 administered and regionally controlled programs;

34 (c) Augment the limited resources of the state to provide a  
35 stable, secure, and more encompassing provision of services and  
36 supports;

37 (d) Expand service options to people with developmental  
38 disabilities; and

1 (e) Demonstrate a person-centered, community-based, individually  
2 budgeted model of developing and delivering service and support.

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

13 (b) Based on the assessment process, each participant is to be  
14 afforded the residential option necessary to meet his or her individual  
15 needs.

16 (c) In accordance with each individual plan, participants shall  
17 choose qualified providers to meet their individual needs in such areas  
18 as:

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

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

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

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The sum of seven hundred fifty thousand  
38 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for

1 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, from the general fund to the  
2 department of social and health services to establish a pilot project  
3 as provided in section 2 of this act in Region V.

4 (2) The sum of nine hundred eighty thousand dollars, or as much  
5 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending  
6 June 30, 2003, from the general fund to the department of social and  
7 health services to establish a pilot project as provided in section 2  
8 of this act in Region V.

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