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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi and Cody)

Brief Description: Concerning services for persons with developmental disabilities.

HB 2261-S - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 4/25/03)

Recognizes that the primary resource for long-term support continues to be family. However, family caregivers are increasingly employed outside the home. In addition, many families continue to support their sons and daughters when they are no longer legally obligated to do so.

Finds that supporting caregivers in a collaborative fashion can keep families together, prevent out-of-home placements, and leverage public and private support for people with a developmental disability.

Finds the delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities should be prioritized based upon an individual needs assessment. Limited state resources should be allocated in a manner that complements and supports the use of individual family and natural supports, enabling the individual to be independent and not reliant upon institutional or residential care services until such time as these services are required in order to reasonably assure the health and safety of the individual.

Declares an intent that the provisions of this act shall be applied to individuals currently and prospectively receiving services under Title 71A RCW. The immediate implementation of this act is necessary for the support of state government and its institutions and programs.