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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Winsley, T. Sheldon, Brandland, Reardon, Franklin, Esser, Haugen and Hargrove)

Brief Description: Allowing for bed hold for boarding home residents.

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Provides that, when a boarding home contracts with the department to provide adult residential care services, enhanced adult residential care services, or assisted living services under chapter 74.39A RCW, the boarding home must hold a medicaid eligible resident's room or unit when short-term care is needed in a nursing home or hospital, the resident is likely to return to the boarding home, and payment is made.

Provides that the medicaid resident's bed or unit shall be held for up to twenty days. The per day bed or unit hold compensation amount shall be seventy percent of the daily rate paid for the first seven days the bed or unit is held for the resident who needs short-term nursing home care or hospitalization. The rate for the eighth through the twentieth day a bed is held shall be established in rule, but shall be no lower than ten dollars per day the bed or unit is held.