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**Health Care Committee**

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**SB 6637**

**Brief Description:** Concerning qualifications for adult family home providers.

**Sponsors:** Senators Keiser and Deccio.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- A provider applying for an adult family license after July 1, 2006, must complete a Department of Social and Health Services approved 48-hour adult family home administration and business planning class, prior to being granted a license.

**Hearing Date:** 2/21/06

**Staff:** Dave Knutson (786-7146).

**Background:**

Adult family homes are licensed to care for up to six individuals who need long-term care. Adult family homes provide room, board, laundry, necessary supervision, assistance with activities of daily living, personal care, and nursing services, if necessary. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is responsible for licensing adult family homes.

Prior to becoming an adult family home provider, a person must meet minimum qualifications enumerated in statute including specific education, age, and character requirements. Additionally, a person seeking to become a provider must satisfactorily complete DSHS approved basic training and continuing education training as specified by rule.

**Summary of Bill:**

Prior to being granted a license, a provider applying for an adult family license after July 1, 2006, must complete a DSHS approved 48-hour adult family home administration and business planning class.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.