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1 AN ACT Relating to long-term care service options; creating a new
2 section; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) No later than December 1, 2005, the
5 department of social and health services shall determine and inform the
6 legislature of:

7 (a) The number of licensed nursing home beds and the average
8 occupancy rate of each licensed nursing home in the state of Washington
9 between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005;

10 (b) The number of licensed boarding home beds and the average
11 occupancy rate of each licensed boarding home in the state of
12 Washington between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005;

13 (c) The number of licensed adult family home beds and the average
14 occupancy rate of licensed adult family homes in the state of
15 Washington between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005; and

16 (d) The number of individuals receiving home and community services
17 in the state of Washington by service area between July 1, 2004, and
18 June 30, 2005.

1 (2) Upon determining the licensed bed capacity and average
2 occupancy rates for residential care facilities in the state of
3 Washington, the department shall assess and analyze each planning
4 area's bed capacity, occupancy rates, and projected future need of
5 residential care facilities, and the impact of future construction of
6 residential care facilities on current providers.

7 (3) As used in this section:

8 (a) "Planning area" means each individual county designated by the
9 department as the smallest geographic area for which nursing home bed
10 need projections are developed except as follows:

- 11 (i) Clark and Skamania counties shall be one planning area; and
- 12 (ii) Chelan and Douglas counties shall be one planning area.

13 (b) "Residential care facility" means an adult family home licensed
14 under chapter 70.128 RCW, a boarding home licensed under chapter 18.20
15 RCW, or a nursing home licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
19 immediately.

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