

HB 1591 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares that an assisted care home licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW may care for individuals with the same resident level of acuity as found in residents of adult family homes. The assisted care home shall meet all applicable care standards established by the department for residents under this act.

Requires the department to coordinate its boarding home facility construction review process with the department of social and health services. Inconsistencies or conflicts between the agencies must be identified and eliminated. In conducting boarding home facility construction reviews, the department shall assist the facility to complete the construction and review process as quickly as possible. The department shall provide local agencies with relevant information derived from its construction review process.

Directs the department to report to the legislature regarding its implementation of this act by March 1, 2006.