

SB 6793-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Designates roles and responsibilities with respect to the treatment of persons with mental disorders.

Finds that ambiguities have been identified regarding the responsibilities of the department of social and health services and the regional support networks with regard to the provision of inpatient mental health services under the community mental health services act, chapter 71.24 RCW, and the involuntary treatment act, chapter 71.05 RCW. The purpose of this 2006 act is to make retroactive, remedial, curative, and technical amendments in order to resolve such ambiguities.

Declares that, in enacting the community mental health services act, the legislature intended the relationship between the state and the regional support networks to be governed solely by the terms of the regional support network contracts and did not intend these relationships to create statutory causes of action not expressly provided for in the contracts. Therefore, the legislature's intent is that, except to the extent expressly provided in contracts entered after the effective date of this act, the department of social and health services and regional support networks shall address disagreements regarding the subject matter identified in sections 103 and 401 of this act through nonjudicial means.