

2SHB 2668 - H AMD 1102

By Representative Cody

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1 On page 6, after line 10, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 74.34 RCW
3 to read as follows:

4 (1) The department may conduct a vulnerable adult fatality review
5 in the event of a death of a vulnerable adult when the department has
6 reason to believe that the death of the vulnerable adult may be related
7 to the abuse, abandonment, exploitation, or neglect of the vulnerable
8 adult, or may be related to the vulnerable adult's self-neglect, and
9 the vulnerable adult was:

10 (a) Receiving home and community-based services in his or her own
11 home, described under chapters 74.39 and 74.39A RCW, within sixty days
12 preceding his or her death; or

13 (b) Living in his or her own home and was the subject of a report
14 under this chapter received by the department within twelve months
15 preceding his or her death.

16 (2) When conducting a vulnerable adult fatality review of a person
17 who had been receiving hospice care services before the person's death,
18 the review shall provide particular consideration to the similarities
19 between the signs and symptoms of abuse and those of many patients
20 receiving hospice care services.

21 (3) All files, reports, records, communications, and working papers
22 used or developed for purposes of a fatality review are confidential
23 and not subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 74.34.095.

24 (4) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** If any provision of this act or its
26 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
27 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
28 persons or circumstances is not affected."

1 Renumber the remaining section consecutively, correct any internal
2 references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Authorizes the department of social and health services
to conduct a vulnerable adult fatality review under certain
circumstances.

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