
**Health Care & Wellness
Committee**

HB 1242

Brief Description: Creating a voluntary adult family home certification program.

Sponsors: Representatives Morrell, Hinkle, Cody, Takko, Curtis, Blake, Campbell, Green, Alexander, Moeller, Wallace, Roberts, Conway, Kenney, Ormsby, Darneille, Simpson, McDonald and Schual-Berke.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Directs the Department of Social and Health Services to establish a voluntary adult family home certification program through the University of Washington geriatric education center.

Hearing Date: 1/25/07

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

Adult family home providers currently are required to complete a department-approved basic training and continuing education training. For providers who were licensed after September 1, 2001, they must complete at least three hundred twenty hours of successful, direct caregiving experience obtained after eighteen years of age. For providers applying for a license after January 1, 2007, they must complete a department-approved forty-eight hour adult family home administration and business planning class.

Summary of Bill:

In addition to existing minimum requirements for adult family home providers, the Department of Social and Health Services will establish a voluntary adult family home certification program through the University of Washington geriatric education center. The voluntary adult family home certification program will include fifty-two hours of class requirements covering physical and mental health conditions that can be prevented, postponed, or alleviated by health promotion

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activities. Individuals successfully completing the voluntary adult family home program will be issued a certified adult family home license by the Department.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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