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1 AN ACT Relating to studying adult family homes; creating new  
2 sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature believes that vulnerable,  
5 frail, and elderly Washingtonians have a right to live in appropriate  
6 and the least restrictive long-term care settings. Adult family homes  
7 are a critical component of Washington's long-term care system, and it  
8 is important that they be utilized in the most appropriate manner. In  
9 order to utilize them correctly, the legislature needs to understand  
10 how they are currently used.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review  
12 committee shall conduct a comprehensive study that examines the current  
13 adult family home system in Washington state. Specifically, the study  
14 shall include:

15 (a) A summary of how adult family homes fit into the long-term care  
16 system;

17 (b) An analysis of the current client acuity levels in adult family  
18 homes;

1 (c) An analysis of the training mechanism for caregivers in adult  
2 family homes;

3 (d) An analysis of the liability exemption for adult family homes;

4 (e) A regional needs analysis for adult family homes, broken down  
5 by city and county;

6 (f) An analysis of current regulation and oversight of adult family  
7 homes;

8 (g) An analysis of the average wages and benefits for adult family  
9 home caregivers; and

10 (h) An analysis of the average length of stay for caregivers in an  
11 adult family home.

12 (2) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall submit  
13 the final report to the legislature by October 31, 2007.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
16 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
17 immediately.

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