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By Representatives Moeller, Morrell, Schual-Berke, and Chase; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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1            AN ACT Relating to vulnerable adult fatality review; and adding a  
2 new section to chapter 74.34 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.34 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

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

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

15            (b) Living in his or her own home and was the subject of a referral  
16 under chapter 74.34 RCW received by the department within twelve months  
17 preceding his or her death.

18            (2) All files, reports, records, communications, and working papers

1 used or developed for purposes of a fatality review are confidential  
2 and not subject to disclosure pursuant to RCW 74.34.095.  
3 (3) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

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