

HB 1548-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) A developmental disability is a natural part of human life, and the presence of a developmental disability in the life of a person does not diminish the person's rights or opportunity to participate fully in the life of the local community;

(2) Investing in family members who have children and adults living in the family home preserves a valuable natural support system for the individual with a developmental disability and is also cost-effective for the state of Washington;

(3) Providing support services to families can help maintain the well-being of the family and stabilize the family unit.

Declares an intent: (1) To partner with families as care providers for children with developmental disabilities and adults who choose to live in the family home;

(2) That individual and family services be centered on the needs of the person with a developmental disability and the family;

(3) That, to the maximum extent possible, individuals and families must be given choice of services and exercise control over the resources available to them.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.