

ESHB 1087 - S AMD TO S COMM AMD (S-2838.3) 376

By Senator Chase

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1 On page 47, after line 32, insert the following:
2 "(e) The department shall keep all RHCs open until there are
3 sufficient community options and support services and appropriate
4 safety precautions and supports available to serve the clients who
5 currently reside in these residential habilitation centers. The
6 department is directed to admit those individuals who are at
7 "immediate risk" or in need of "immediate stabilization." Any
8 fiscal assumptions related to moving people from residential
9 habilitation centers to the community must factor in adequate
10 funding to provide oversight in a fractured system that is as good
11 or better than the current oversight achieved in the institutional
12 settings in the state. The assumptions must take into account
13 protection needed for very vulnerable individuals in small isolated
14 settings around the state, not just for the relatively few years
15 that aging individuals reside in them. The oversight needed in
16 community settings for people with developmental disabilities is for
17 the lifespan of individuals, which means decades."
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EFFECT: Directs the department to keep all residential habilitation centers (RHCs) open until sufficient community services are available and that any fiscal assumptions related to moving RHC residents to the community take into account the full costs of providing services.

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