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SENATE BILL 5681

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By Senators Rolfes and Keiser

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1 AN ACT Relating to facilitating treatment for persons with co-  
2 occurring disorders by requiring development of an integrated rule;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 70.96A RCW; adding a new section to  
4 chapter 71.05 RCW; and providing expiration dates.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.96A RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The department must develop a fully integrated rule that would  
9 permit an agency providing co-occurring treatment for chemical  
10 dependency and mental health disorders to follow one set of  
11 administrative code to facilitate the streamlined and blended provision  
12 of these services.

13 (2) Any licensed mental health agency which has a waiver from the  
14 department exempting the agency from compliance with chemical  
15 dependency rules for services provided to patients with co-occurring  
16 mental health and chemical dependency disorders as of January 1, 2013,  
17 may request and must receive a three-year renewal of the waiver  
18 exempting the agency from compliance with chemical dependency rules

1 with respect to such patients if the integrated rule is not in effect  
2 by May 1, 2014.

3 (3) The department shall report its progress in implementing this  
4 section to the governor and the legislature by December 31, 2013.

5 (4) This section expires June 30, 2017.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71.05 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

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9 permit an agency providing co-occurring treatment for chemical  
10 dependency and mental health disorders to follow one set of  
11 administrative code to facilitate the streamlined and blended provision  
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