
HOUSE BILL 2213

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1 AN ACT Relating to prevocational services for individuals with
2 developmental disabilities; adding a new section to chapter 71A.12
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that individuals
6 with developmental disabilities should be allowed to participate in
7 prevocational services if they choose. Requiring individuals to
8 transition out of this environment against their wishes undermines
9 the guiding supreme court decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581,
10 which held that Title II of the Americans with disabilities act of
11 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131 et. seq.) requires states to provide certain
12 individuals with developmental disabilities community-based program
13 options rather than institutional placements, but that there is no
14 requirement that community-based treatments be imposed on individuals
15 against their will.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.12
17 RCW to read as follows:

1 The department shall develop rules to allow clients to
2 participate in prevocational services, if available and requested by
3 the client.

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