Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Human Services & Early Learning Committee

HB 2600

Brief Description: Concerning the definition of "community residential service business" for the purposes of chapter 74.39A RCW.

Sponsors: Representatives Callan, Kilduff and Ramos; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Expands the definition of community residential service business to include community-based programs run by the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

Hearing Date: 1/29/20

Staff: Emily Williams (786-7291).

Background:

Community Residential Service Businesses.

A community residential service business is a business that is certified by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and has a contract with the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) to provide services to people with developmental disabilities. These services include:

- supported living for up to four clients living in homes that are owned, rented, or leased by the clients or their legal representatives;
- facility-based group homes that serve two or more clients;
- group training homes that are equipped, supervised, managed, and operated on a full-time basis by any person, association, or corporation on a nonprofit basis for the full-time care, treatment, and training of persons with developmental disabilities; and
- staffed residential homes caring for up to six child residents who are clients of the DDA.

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Every long-term care worker at the business must complete mandatory training. Before providing care, long-term care workers at community residential service businesses must complete 75 hours of entry level training. This training includes two hours of orientation, three hours of safety training, and 70 hours of basic training in core competencies and population specific competencies. Long-term care workers must also complete 12 hours of continuing education training each year.

Some professionals are exempt from training requirements. Exempt professionals include registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and nurse technicians.

Developmental Disabilities Administration Operated Programs.

The DDA operates some community-based programs that provide services to people with developmental disabilities. These programs include the State Operated Living Alternatives and Community Crisis and Stabilization Services programs.

Summary of Bill:

A community residential service business is defined as:

- a community-based program operated by the DDA; or
- a business that is certified by the DSHS and has a contract with the DDA or is operated in the community by the DDA to provide people with developmental disabilities with various services.

Every long-term care worker at the program or business is subject to mandatory training requirements.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.