

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5396

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As of October 28, 2020

**Title:** An act relating to allowing certain adult family homes to increase capacity to eight beds.

**Brief Description:** Allowing certain adult family homes to increase capacity to eight beds.

**Sponsors:** Senators Keiser, Walsh, Kuderer, Short, King, Rivers, Honeyford, Becker, Darneille, Hasegawa and Hunt.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Health & Long Term Care: 2/1/19.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Allows adult family homes to increase their bed capacity from six to seven or eight beds if they meet specified licensing standards

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE

**Staff:**

**Background:** test An adult family home is a residential home that provides personal care, specialty care, necessary supervision, laundry, and room and board for up to six adults who need long-term care.

Adult family homes are licensed by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and must meet facility standards, and training requirements for resident managers and caregivers. An adult family home may only admit residents whose needs and preferences the home is able to meet through available staff and reasonable accommodations. Each resident must receive identified care and services in a manner and environment that supports, maintains, or improves the resident's quality of life. The services must be provided by appropriate professionals based upon the resident's assessment and negotiated care plan.

**Summary of Bill:** t

An adult family home provider may increase the home's bed capacity to seven or eight beds. A provider may apply for a license to operate with seven or eight beds if:

- the provider has held the initial adult family home license for at least 24 months;

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- the home has been licensed for six residents for at least 12 months;
- the provider has completed two full inspections without any enforcement actions;
- the provider attests that an increase will not adversely affect the health, safety, or quality of life of the home's current residents;
- the home is in compliance with DSHS rules regarding emergency evacuation;
- the home has a residential sprinkler system in place; and
- the provider has paid any required fees.

The home must demonstrate financial solvency and the ability to meet safety, health, and operating standards related to the operation of a seven or eight bed adult family home, including the mitigation of potential traffic impacts. DSHS must consider current residents' comments related to quality of care, quality of life, and their views on adding more residents to the home.

**Appropriation:** None

**Fiscal Note:**

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:**

**Effective Date:**