

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6190

As of January 23, 2020

Title: An act relating to preserving the developmental disabilities community trust.

Brief Description: Preserving the developmental disabilities community trust.

Sponsors: Senators Braun, Keiser and Kuderer.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health & Long Term Care: 1/22/20.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Expands the use of the Developmental Disabilities Community Trust (trust) funds from family support, employment, or day services to community supports for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Expands the proceeds that must be deposited into the trust.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE

Staff: LeighBeth Merrick (786-7445)

Background: The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) operates four residential habilitation centers (RHCs) which provide 24/7 care to individuals with developmental disabilities. In 2005, the Legislature established the trust account, known as the Dan Thompson Memorial Trust Account. The account receives proceeds from the alternative use of excess property at the RHCs. Interest on the account and lease payments for surplus land must only be spent to provide family support, employment, or day services to eligible persons with developmental disabilities who can be served by community-based developmental disability services.

Summary of Bill: Proceeds from underutilized or vacated RHC property must be deposited into the trust account. The sale of RHC property or timber from the property may be deposited into the account. The sale of property or timber, or other periodic payments is considered interest. Property and trust management services must be paid from the interest. Interest on the account must only be spent to benefit eligible persons with intellectual and

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developmental disabilities who need community supports through grants, projects, or other means that increase community capacity and workforce.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This is an important bill to ensure that developmental disabilities advocates trust the state as the state considers the future of RHCs. This would ensure proceeds from the RHC land would benefit the developmentally disabled. Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families want opportunities to have jobs and live in the community. Many states have closed their RHCs. If Washington decides to close their RHCs and sell or lease the land, this would ensure that any of these proceeds directly benefit individuals with disabilities in accessing services in the community. The trust should have a trust manager. The bill should require the trust be managed by the State Investment Board and the state receive fair market value for any of the proceeds related to the RHCs. This bill will activate the trust and will provide opportunities for local communities to create customized solutions to meet their unique needs for serving individuals with developmental disabilities.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator John Braun, Prime Sponsor; Margaret Lee Thompson, WISE; Stacy Dym, The Arc of King County; Adrienne Stuart, Developmental Disabilities Council; Cathy Murahashi, citizen.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.