

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 6125

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Preserving records and artifacts regarding the historical treatment of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Washington state.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kauffman, Frame, Wellman, Trudeau, Wilson, J., Conway, Kuderer, Lovick, Nguyen, Nobles, Saldaña, Valdez, Wagoner and Wilson, C.).

Senate Committee on State Government & Elections

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations

House Committee on Appropriations

Background: The Division of Archives and Records Management. The Office of the Secretary of State includes the Division of Archives and Records Management (State Archives), which is responsible for managing the retention, cataloging, and preservation of the public records inventory. The State Archives also operates regional offices that support state and local agencies with records management.

Institute on Human Development and Disability. The University of Washington Institute on Human Development and Disability provides an integrated interdisciplinary program in the field of developmental disabilities to advance basic and translational research and to enhance the capacity of communities to provide state-of-the-art comprehensive services.

Lakeland Village. Originally established in 1914, Lakeland Village is a state-operated facility that provides training, education, and healthcare for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Summary: Working with the University of Washington Institute on Human Development and Disability, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, the State Archives must create a preservation plan to organize, catalogue, and store historical documents and artifacts identified at

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Lakeland Village.

Historical documents and artifacts may include but are not limited to medical records, letters, images, films, and artifacts of past residents with intellectual or development disabilities at Lakeland Village.

The preservation plan must:

- identify all records and artifacts that are available and at risk of destruction;
- assess the condition of the records and artifacts and level of preservation required;
- outline the steps that will be taken to preserve the records and artifacts; and
- include a timeline for the preservation work and an overall budget for the work.

The plan must be reported to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by September 1, 2025. The preservation plan must also include future plans for public access for historical and education purposes.

The State Archives and DSHS must work together in storing and retaining the records. No records may be destroyed until the preservation plan is completed and the work is funded during fiscal year 2026.

Indirect costs to the University of Washington for this project are limited to 15 percent.

The act expires June 30, 2026.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 49 0

House 95 0

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