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**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5716**

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**State of Washington**

**68th Legislature**

**2023 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senator Rivers)

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1       AN ACT Relating to certain surveys performed on in-home services  
2 agencies; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4       NEW SECTION.       **Sec. 1.**       (1) By October 1, 2024, the joint  
5 legislative audit and review committee in consultation with the  
6 department of health, the department of social and health services,  
7 and other appropriate stakeholders, shall conduct a performance audit  
8 analyzing the on-site monitoring, state licensure, and validation  
9 surveys performed on in-home services agencies as referenced in  
10 chapter 70.127 RCW. The analysis must include, at a minimum, the  
11 following components:

12       (a) An evaluation of:

13       (i) The current process that the department of health, the  
14 department of social and health services, and area agencies on aging  
15 use to perform oversight and surveys on in-home services agencies  
16 including, but not limited to: The in-home services agencies subject  
17 to surveys, the frequency of the surveys, and who is performing the  
18 surveys; and

19       (ii) Auditing and monitoring assessment tools utilized during the  
20 on-site monitoring, state licensure, and validation surveys with a

1 focus on analyzing how surveys are performed, the length of the  
2 surveys, and the differences between the tools;

3 (b) A determination of whether the current auditing and  
4 monitoring assessment tools are ensuring that in-home services  
5 agencies are complying with state and federal laws and regulations;

6 (c) A determination if the current process and compliance models  
7 are the most efficient available and accurately measured, do not  
8 duplicate survey efforts, and ensure in-home services agencies are  
9 complying with state and federal laws and regulations; and

10 (d) A review of any duplication of surveys conducted while  
11 ensuring that the in-home services agencies are meeting the standards  
12 outlined in state and federal law.

13 (2) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall submit  
14 a final report on their findings to the appropriate committees of the  
15 legislature by October 1, 2024, and shall submit a progress report by  
16 December 1, 2023.

17 (3) This section expires December 31, 2025.

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