
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5716

State of Washington

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

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/23.

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 surveys on in-home services agencies; and

16 (ii) Auditing and monitoring assessment tools utilized during the
17 on-site monitoring, state licensure, and validation surveys;

18 (b) A determination of whether the current auditing and
19 monitoring assessment tools are ensuring that in-home services
20 agencies are improving the in-home services agencies' ability to meet
21 the needs of current and future residents in their care and ensuring

1 the in-home services agencies are complying with state and federal
2 law;

3 (c) A determination if the current process and compliance models
4 are the most efficient available and accurately measured; and

5 (d) Recommendations regarding administrative changes that should
6 be made to improve efficiency while ensuring that the in-home
7 services agencies are meeting the standards outlined in state and
8 federal law and maintaining quality care provided by the in-home
9 services agencies.

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

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

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