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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4414

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1            WHEREAS, As a result of significant ongoing issues and expanding  
2 opportunities in a dynamic long-term care environment in Washington  
3 state;

4            NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
5 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint  
6 legislative committee on long-term care oversight be created. The  
7 committee shall consist of: (a) Four members of the senate appointed  
8 by the president of the senate, two of whom shall be members of the  
9 majority party and two of whom shall be members of the minority party;  
10 and (b) four members of the house of representatives, two of whom shall  
11 be members of the majority party and two of whom shall be members of  
12 the minority party; and

13            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee elect a chair and vice-  
14 chair. The chair shall be a member of the senate in even-numbered years  
15 and a member of the house of representatives in odd-numbered years.  
16 The vice-chair shall be a member of the senate in odd-numbered years  
17 and a member of the house of representatives in even-numbered years;  
18 and

19            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall:

20            (a) Review the need for reorganization and reform of long-term care  
21 administration and service delivery;

- 1 (b) Review all quality standards developed, revised, and enforced  
2 by the department;
- 3 (c) In cooperation with the department of social and health  
4 services, develop suggestions to simplify, reduce, or eliminate  
5 unnecessary rules, procedures, and burdensome paperwork that prove to  
6 be barriers to providing effective coordination or high quality direct  
7 services;
- 8 (d) Suggest methods of cost-efficiencies that can be used to  
9 reallocate funds to unmet needs in direct services;
- 10 (e) List all nonmeans tested programs and activities funded by the  
11 federal older Americans act and state funded senior citizens act or  
12 other such state funded programs and recommend how to integrate such  
13 services into existing long-term care programs for the functionally  
14 disabled;
- 15 (f) Suggest methods to establish a single point of entry for  
16 service eligibility and delivery for functionally disabled persons;
- 17 (g) Evaluate the need for long-term care training and review all  
18 long-term care training and education programs conducted by the  
19 department and suggest modifications to improve the training system;
- 20 (h) Describe current facilities and services that provide long-term  
21 care to all types of chronically disabled individuals in the state  
22 including Revised Code of Washington requirements, Washington  
23 Administrative Code rules, allowable occupancy, typical clientele,  
24 discharge practices, agency oversight, rates, eligibility requirements,  
25 entry process, social and health services and other services provided,  
26 staffing standards, and physical plant standards;
- 27 (i) Determine the extent to which the current long-term care system  
28 meets the health and safety needs of the state's long-term care  
29 population and is appropriate for the specific and identified needs of  
30 the residents in all settings;
- 31 (j) Assess the adequacy of the discharge and referral process in  
32 protecting the health and safety of long-term care clients;
- 33 (k) Determine the extent to which training and supervision of  
34 direct care staff are adequate to ensure safety and appropriate care;
- 35 (l) Identify opportunities for consolidation between categories of  
36 care; and

1 (m) Determine if payment rates are adequate to cover the varying  
2 costs of clients with different levels of need.

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