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Finds that the state lacks an independent review process and an effective method of decision making for state institutions with excess capacity or with alternative service delivery models to meet state policy. The legislature further finds that independent evidence-based facts are crucial to any decision that affects Washington citizens who reside in state institutions; and that a fair and objective analysis of the independent evidence-based facts will be better for the clients of the institutions.

Declares that, for these reasons, the legislature intends to create an institutions review commission as an independent entity to review state institutions on a regular basis.