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By Representative Appleton

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1 On page 2, after line 22, insert the following: 2
3 "Sec. 4. RCW 71.24.320 and 2008 c 261 s 5 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 (1) If an existing regional support network chooses not to respond 6 to a request for qualifications, or is unable to substantially meet 7 the requirements of a request for qualifications, or notifies the 8 department of social and health services it will no longer serve as a 9 regional support network, the department shall utilize a procurement 10 process in which other entities recognized by the secretary may bid to 11 serve as the regional support network. <u>Notwithstanding RCW</u> 12 <u>71.24.025(20)</u>, the eligibility to respond to the request for proposal 13 shall be limited to counties or groups of counties.

14 (a) The request for proposal shall include a scoring factor for 15 proposals that include additional financial resources beyond that 16 provided by state appropriation or allocation.

17 (b) The department shall provide detailed briefings to all bidders18 in accordance with department and state procurement policies.

19 (c) The request for proposal shall also include a scoring factor 20 for proposals submitted by ((nonprofit entities)) counties or groups 21 of counties that include a component to maximize the utilization of 22 state provided resources and the leverage of other funds for the 23 support of mental health services to persons with mental illness.

(2) A regional support network that voluntarily terminates, 25 refuses to renew, or refuses to sign a mandatory amendment to its 26 contract to act as a regional support network is prohibited from 27 responding to a procurement under this section or serving as a 1 regional support network for five years from the date that the 2 department signs a contract with the entity that will serve as the 3 regional support network."

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EFFECT: Provides that if a regional support network notifies the department of social and health services that it will not continue serving in that capacity, only counties or groups of counties may respond to the request for proposal to select a new regional support network.

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