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**SENATE BILL 5672**

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**State of Washington 66th Legislature 2019 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Cleveland, O'Ban, Walsh, Wellman, Darneille, Dhingra, Hunt, Keiser, Frockt, Kuderer, Nguyen, and Saldaña

AN ACT Relating to adult family home specialty services; and adding a new section to chapter 70.128 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 70.128 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The developmental disabilities administration within the department shall work with stakeholders to design and implement a proposed specialty contract for adult family homes that exclusively serve individuals who have a primary need of care related to a developmental or intellectual disability. The specialty contract must be designed as a statement of work with specific provisions related to the assessment, environment, regulations, provision of care, and training requirements. The specialty contract must be designed to support an intentional environment to improve resident quality of life, increase resident length of stay, clarify regulations, streamline training requirements, reduce the need for institutional settings, and attract more adult family home providers to develop such highly needed resources. The specialty contract must be completed by June 1, 2020, for consideration and implementation in the 2021-2023 biennium.

(2) The aging and long-term support administration within the department shall work with stakeholders to design and implement a proposed specialty contract for adult family homes that are dedicated solely to the care of individuals with dementia, including Alzheimer's disease. The specialty contract must be designed as a statement of work with specific provisions related to the assessment, environment, regulations, provision of care, and training requirements. The specialty contract must be designed to support an intentional environment to improve resident quality of life, increase resident length of stay, clarify regulations, streamline training requirements, reduce the need for institutional settings, and attract more adult family home providers to develop such highly needed resources. The specialty contract must be completed by June 1, 2020, for consideration and implementation in the 2021-2023 biennium.

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