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SENATE BILL 6717

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By Senators Thibaudeau and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to Fircrest school; adding new sections to chapter  
2 79.01 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 43.131 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the unique nature  
5 of the Fircrest residential habilitation center and that its physical  
6 facilities and staff resources have great potential to serve current  
7 residents and additional citizens with developmental disabilities, as  
8 well as the community at-large. In recognition of the population and  
9 economic growth of the surrounding community, the legislature directs  
10 that a planning and implementation process be instituted to enhance and  
11 develop the properties comprising Fircrest school to provide additional  
12 opportunities for residents to interact with other members of the  
13 community, serve citizens with developmental disabilities living in  
14 surrounding communities and state-wide, coordinate with the city of  
15 Shoreline, school districts, state and local agencies, social service  
16 agencies, and the community at-large, improve the environment through  
17 integration of parks, greenbelts, and forest lands, make the most  
18 effective use of state personnel resources, and provide opportunities  
19 for family members to reside near residents of Fircrest school.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) The Fircrest planning board is hereby  
2 created to produce a plan, to be coordinated with the city of  
3 Shoreline's comprehensive plan under chapters 36.70A, 36.70B, and  
4 36.70C RCW, for the enhancement and development of the properties  
5 comprising Fircrest school, to include properties that are owned and  
6 managed by the department of social and health services and properties  
7 that are subject to the charitable, educational, penal, and reformatory  
8 institution account, and to monitor and report to the legislature  
9 regarding implementation of the plan. The board shall be the city of  
10 Shoreline's planning advisory committee for the properties comprising  
11 Fircrest school, with the city of Shoreline as the lead agency during  
12 the process for producing the city's comprehensive plan under chapters  
13 36.70A, 36.70B, and 36.70C RCW.

14        (2) The board shall be composed of eleven members appointed by the  
15 governor. The board shall include: (a) The superintendent of Fircrest  
16 school; (b) one other member representing the department of social and  
17 health services; (c) one member representing the department of natural  
18 resources; (d) one member representing the city of Shoreline; (e) one  
19 member representing King county government; (f) one member representing  
20 the Shoreline school district; (g) one member from a list of three  
21 citizens with developmental disabilities; (h) one member from a list of  
22 three citizens who are residents, or legal representatives of  
23 residents, of Fircrest school; (i) one member from a list of three  
24 persons who are either providing or receiving community services for  
25 persons with developmental disabilities, or their legal  
26 representatives; (j) one member from a list of three citizens who are  
27 residents of neighborhoods adjacent to Fircrest school; and (k) one  
28 member from a list of three persons nominated by labor organizations at  
29 Fircrest school.

30        (3) The board shall consult with agencies currently having  
31 facilities located at Fircrest school, residents of surrounding  
32 neighborhoods, and real estate marketing specialists and shall develop  
33 a plan that will be compatible and attractive to surrounding  
34 neighborhoods and the city of Shoreline. The plan may list several  
35 alternatives and must also include an architectural plan that will  
36 ensure the appropriateness of future construction and promote  
37 integration between Fircrest school and surrounding neighborhoods. An  
38 environmental document must support the plan. A plan receiving support  
39 from the majority of board members must be submitted to the secretary

1 of the department of social and health services, for the secretary's  
2 approval, and to the city of Shoreline. Upon approval by the secretary  
3 and review by the city of Shoreline, the secretary shall submit a  
4 report with the approved plan to the legislature during the 1997  
5 legislative session. If a majority of board members is not able to  
6 approve a plan for the secretary's approval or if the secretary or city  
7 disapproves a plan, the board shall report on the results of the  
8 planning process to the legislature during the 1997 legislative  
9 session.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The department of social and health  
11 services has authority to commence implementation of the plan,  
12 including demolition or renovation of existing structures, construction  
13 of new structures, and the lease or exchange of real property for  
14 residential and commercial development, beginning April 1, 1997, unless  
15 the plan is amended or disapproved by the legislature. The board shall  
16 monitor and report to the legislature annually on the implementation of  
17 the plan.

18 (2) The state auditor shall conduct performance audits of the board  
19 during the years 1998 and 2000.

20 (3) In addition to the sunset review required under chapter 43.131  
21 RCW, the legislative budget committee shall conduct a biennial review  
22 of the Fircrest planning board in 1998.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The developmentally disabled assistance  
24 account is hereby established in the state treasury. Income generated  
25 from the lease or exchange of real property at Fircrest school must be  
26 placed in the account and be used to provide resources for the benefit  
27 of all state citizens with developmental disabilities. The department  
28 of social and health services is exempt from RCW 79.01.006, 79.01.007,  
29 and 79.01.009 in managing the real property in order to gain the  
30 greatest possible benefit for citizens with developmental disabilities.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131 RCW  
32 to read as follows:

33 The Fircrest planning board and its powers and duties shall be  
34 terminated on June 30, 2000, as provided in section 6 of this act.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.**   A new section is added to chapter 43.131 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        The following acts or parts of acts, as now existing or hereafter  
4 amended, are each repealed, effective June 30, 2001:

- 5        (1) RCW 79.01.--- and 1996 c ... s 1 (section 1 of this act);
- 6        (2) RCW 79.01.--- and 1996 c ... s 2 (section 2 of this act);
- 7        (3) RCW 79.01.--- and 1996 c ... s 3 (section 3 of this act); and
- 8        (4) RCW 79.01.--- and 1996 c ... s 4 (section 4 of this act).

9        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 7.**   Sections 1 through 4 of this act are each  
10 added to chapter 79.01 RCW.

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