
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1304

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By House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kilduff, Muri, Gregerson, Kagi, Jenkins, Santos, Young, and Stambaugh)

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1 AN ACT Relating to individuals receiving both employment and
2 community access services; adding a new section to chapter 71A.12
3 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.12
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1)(a) Subject to federal waiver approval, the department shall
8 select a total of two counties, one from each side of the Cascade
9 mountain range, for a two-year person-centered pilot program. The
10 pilot program may include a variety of supports and providers that
11 will enable individuals to have access to either employment or their
12 community, regardless of the degree of each client's disability. The
13 pilot program must allow:

14 (i) Clients of the department identified as high acuity clients
15 to access both community access and employment services; and

16 (ii) Clients beginning to receive services from the department
17 for the first time who are not identified as high acuity to choose
18 participation in either community access or employment without
19 enrolling in nine months of employment services as required by RCW
20 71A.12.290.

1 (b) The county selected on the west side of the Cascade mountain
2 range must have a population between eight hundred thousand and eight
3 hundred fifty thousand persons. The county selected on the east side
4 of the Cascade mountain range must have a population between fifty
5 thousand and seventy thousand persons.

6 (2) For purposes of this section, "high acuity clients" means
7 clients of the department who are receiving developmental disability
8 services, require support in the community at all times to maintain
9 health and safety, experience significant barriers to employment or
10 community participation, and require frequent supervision, training,
11 or full physical assistance with community activities most of the
12 time.

13 (3) By December 1, 2018, the department must submit a report to
14 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature that
15 describes the client participation in the pilot program and submit
16 recommendations regarding expansion of the pilot program statewide.
17 The report must include, at a minimum, the following information:

18 (a) How many individuals select employment services, community
19 access services, or both;

20 (b) The average number of client hours authorized for employment
21 services and how many employment hours clients received; and

22 (c) The average cost per hour of community access and employment
23 services.

24 (4) The department shall seek a waiver from any federal
25 requirements that would prevent federal funding for the pilot program
26 described in this section within sixty days of the effective date of
27 this section.

28 (5) This section expires July 1, 2019.

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