

**SB 5320 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that, in establishing an office of public guardianship, the legislature intends to promote the availability of guardianship services for individuals who need them and for whom adequate services may otherwise be unavailable.

Reaffirms its commitment to treat liberty and autonomy as paramount values for all Washington residents and to authorize public guardianship only to the minimum extent necessary to provide for health or safety, or to manage financial affairs, when the legal conditions for appointment of a guardian are met.

Does not intend to alter those legal conditions or to expand judicial authority to determine that any individual is incapacitated.