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Provides a definition for "community health workers" and explains their roles as recommended by the report from the community health worker task force.

Requires the department of health to: (1) By July 1, 2019, adopt rules defining the direct services that community health workers may provide; and

(2) By October 1, 2018, begin to implement the recommendations of the community health worker task force related to training and education.

Requires a public or private entity that employs a community health worker to, by July 1, 2019, perform a fingerprint-based background check through the Washington state patrol for those workers performing certain roles.