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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2184**

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**By** House Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning (originally sponsored by Representatives Taylor, Rude, Senn, Leavitt, Simmons, Reed, Graham, Callan, Macri, Chopp, Barkis, Fosse, Couture, Goodman, Nance, Springer, Riccelli, Farivar, Reeves, and Davis)

READ FIRST TIME 01/23/24.

1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing payment for parental caregivers of  
2 minor children with developmental disabilities; adding a new section  
3 to chapter 71A.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that natural,  
6 adoptive, and stepparents of developmentally disabled medicaid-  
7 eligible children may be the best caregivers for their children, and  
8 that parents provide personal caregiving to their disabled children  
9 for much of the parent's and the children's life spans.

10 The legislature further finds that the caregiving workforce is a  
11 critical lifeline for people with developmental disabilities to live  
12 independently. The legislature also finds that paying parents for  
13 their extraordinary caregiving labor is an important investment in  
14 our families and in our communities.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.12  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) By January 31, 2025, the administration shall submit a  
18 request to the centers for medicare and medicaid services for  
19 amendments to applicable developmental disabilities administration  
20 home and community-based services waivers that would allow natural,

1 adoptive, and stepparents who provide personal care services to their  
2 minor children with developmental disabilities to receive payment for  
3 providing those services to the greatest extent allowable under  
4 federal law.

5 (2) In the event that the amendment requests identified in  
6 subsection (1) of this section are not accepted and cannot be cured,  
7 within 30 days of receiving notice of the denial, the administration  
8 shall apply to the centers for medicare and medicaid services for a  
9 section 1115 demonstration waiver that would allow natural, adoptive,  
10 and stepparents who provide personal care services to their minor  
11 children with developmental disabilities to receive payment for  
12 providing those services to the greatest extent allowable under  
13 federal law.

14 (3) The department shall commence payments authorized under this  
15 section immediately upon receiving approval from the centers for  
16 medicare and medicaid services.

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