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By Representative Edmonds

On page 6, after line 22, insert the following:
"NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to chapter 18.20 RCW to read as follows:
(1) In an effort to ensure a cooperative process among the department, boarding home provider representatives, and resident and family representatives on matters pertaining to the boarding home program, the secretary, or his or her designee, shall designate an advisory board. The advisory board must include representatives of the state-wide boarding home associations, the state long-term care ombudsman program, the state-wide resident council program, consumers, and family representatives. Depending on the topic to be discussed, the department may invite other representatives in addition to the named members of the advisory board. The secretary, or his or her designee, shall periodically, but not less than quarterly, convene a meeting of the advisory board to encourage open dialogue on matters affecting the boarding home program. It is, minimally, expected that the department will discuss with the advisory board the department's inspection, enforcement, and quality improvement activities, in addition to seeking their comments and recommendations on matters described under subsection (2) of this section.
(2) The secretary, or his or her designee, shall seek comments and recommendations from the advisory board prior to the adoption of rules and standards, implementation of boarding home provider programs, or development of methods and rates of payment.
(3) For the purpose of implementing this section, "department" means either the department of health or the department of social and health services, depending on which department has the licensing authority under this chapter." references accordingly, and correct the title.

