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Sponsor(s): Senators Thibaudeau, Winsley and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Brief Description: Licensing adult family homes.

SB 5183 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that the state of Washington has a compelling interest in protecting and promoting the health, welfare, and safety of vulnerable adults residing in adult family homes.

Finds that no person or entity has a right to be licensed under this chapter to provide care for vulnerable adults.

Declares the health, safety, and well-being of vulnerable adults must be the paramount concern in determining whether to issue a license to an applicant, whether to suspend or revoke a license, or whether to take other licensing actions. Therefore, department decisions regarding an adult family home license should be given deference in any adjudicative proceeding.