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

Brief Description: Reporting investigations of vulnerable adult abuse.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Recognizes that vulnerable adults, while living in their own homes, may be abused, neglected, financially exploited, or abandoned by individuals entrusted to provide care for them.

Gives the department of social and health services the responsibility to investigate complaints of abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, or neglect of vulnerable adults and to provide protective services and other legal remedies to protect these vulnerable adults.

Finds that in order to continue to protect vulnerable adults, the department of social and health services should be given the authority to release report information and to release the results of an investigation to the agency or program with which the individual investigated is employed, contracted, or engaged as a volunteer.