

5473-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Kline, Fairley, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Long, Winsley and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development)

Brief Description: Requiring a report on creating a developmental disabilities ombudsman.

**SB 5473-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to, by December 31, 2001, prepare and present to the legislature and the governor, directly or by contract, a report of the feasibility, and advantages and disadvantages, of combining a developmental disabilities ombudsman program with the long-term care ombudsman program in chapter 43.190 RCW and the family and children's ombudsman program in chapter 43.06A RCW.

Requires the report to provide recommendations on serving persons with developmental disabilities not currently being served by any ombudsman program, avoiding duplication of services, and providing comprehensive services, while respecting the unique needs of individuals.