

6733-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Kohl-Welles, Prentice and Rasmussen)

Brief Description: Extending service choices for people with developmental disabilities including those living in their own homes.

**SB 6733-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that respite care provides temporary, short-term relief for people whose job otherwise never stops. Research has shown that caregivers who receive respite care are more likely to stay healthy themselves, and continue to provide at-home care for a loved one indefinitely.

Provides that any vacancies that occur in residential habilitation centers shall remain available for respite care. Within available funding, the department shall offer respite care to any eligible individual with developmental disabilities, including children age thirteen and under, as these beds become available.

Repeals 1998 c 216 s 9 (uncodified).