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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1464**

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**By** House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Boldt, Nixon and Anderson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/21/03.

1            AN ACT Relating to community-based and faith-based social services  
2 organizations; and adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The secretary shall designate a person within each of the  
7 department's administrative regions to serve as a liaison for  
8 community-based and faith-based social services organizations. The  
9 liaison shall be available to such organizations to:

10            (a) Provide information to community-based and faith-based social  
11 services organizations that relates to opportunities for the  
12 organizations to cooperate with the department in providing community  
13 services throughout the state;

14            (b) Identify areas of need that are not currently being met in the  
15 state in which community-based and faith-based social services  
16 organizations may provide needed services;

17            (c) Coordinate efforts to promote involvement of community-based  
18 and faith-based social services organizations to provide community  
19 services throughout the state.

1           (2) The secretary shall include provisions in its contracts  
2 indicating that community-based and faith-based social services  
3 organizations that receive funds from the department must not:

4           (a) Engage in discrimination that denies service to a potential  
5 client on the basis of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, national  
6 origin, creed, religion, or presence of a disability; or

7           (b) Engage in activities that promote conversion to a particular  
8 faith, institution, or cause, unless participation in those activities  
9 is voluntary.

10          (3) The secretary shall include provisions in its contracts  
11 indicating that community-based and faith-based social services  
12 organizations that receive funds from the department must:

13          (a) Define clear, measurable outcomes;

14          (b) Demonstrate their anticipated cost-effectiveness;

15          (c) Demonstrate broad community involvement, support, and  
16 partnerships; and

17          (d) Conduct an evaluation of their program outcomes.

18          (4) The department must achieve the purposes of this section  
19 through existing resources.

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