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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5630**

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**State of Washington**

**58th Legislature**

**2003 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections  
(originally sponsored by Senator Carlson)

READ FIRST TIME 03/03/03.

1       AN ACT Relating to delivery of social and health services at the  
2 local level; adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; and creating  
3 a new section.

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

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the social and  
6 health care delivery systems maintained by the department of social and  
7 health services operate as distinct funding sources for services  
8 delivered at the community level. This results in local government  
9 establishing separate and distinct administrative organizations arrayed  
10 around the source of funding provided by the state. The legislature  
11 intends to support local initiatives that attempt to integrate social  
12 and health services, streamline and reduce administrative costs, and  
13 establish new organizational entities that provide faster, smarter, and  
14 more efficient social and health services.

15       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17       (1) The department of social and health services shall consider  
18 proposals from counties or groups of counties to design a new

1 administrative and service delivery infrastructure for supporting and  
2 managing social and health services provided by the county or group of  
3 counties. Each proposal shall be for a five-year pilot project. Each  
4 proposal must include an integrated total population management system  
5 utilizing a public service corporation or a nonprofit corporation as  
6 the administrative service organization with which the county or group  
7 of counties shall contract for the organization of services provided by  
8 the county or group of counties. The services to be included in the  
9 pilot project may include, but are not limited to, mental health,  
10 substance abuse, and developmental disabilities, but the services are  
11 limited to those services already provided by the county or group of  
12 counties.

13 (2) The proposal must address regulatory oversight, risk  
14 management, compliance monitoring, service authorization, and care  
15 management. It shall also cover the following administrative  
16 functions:

- 17 (a) Provider network development and management;
- 18 (b) Access to care;
- 19 (c) Appeals and grievance management;
- 20 (d) Adequate social service array;
- 21 (e) Customer service;
- 22 (f) Quality management;
- 23 (g) Information system management; and
- 24 (h) Fiscal management.

25 (3) Upon approval of a proposal considered under this section, the  
26 department of social and health services shall consolidate all  
27 contracts with the county or group of counties for services provided by  
28 the county or group of counties.

29 (4) Nothing in this section shall permit decategorization of funds  
30 created under this section. The authority of the agency designated by  
31 the county or counties shall be limited to administrative and fiscal  
32 management of funds.

33 Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the authority  
34 of the family policy council or community networks under chapter 70.190  
35 RCW. The department shall advise the family policy council upon  
36 receipt of a proposal under subsection (1) of this section.

37 (5) The department of social and health services shall submit

1 proposed changes in statute and operating budget procedures to the  
2 legislature by January 15, 2004, to implement the proposals considered  
3 under this section.

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