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Sponsor(s): Representative Linville

Brief Description: Creating a program to provide mental health services through a voucher system.

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Finds that empowering mental health consumers by allowing them to direct and pay for their care will improve the delivery of mental health services. The creation of a voucher-based system of care will reduce administrative expenses and increase funding available for direct care.

Directs the department to establish a system of serving mental health consumers based on a voucher system. After being determined eligible for services under chapter 71.24 RCW, a consumer shall be provided a voucher that may be used to purchase mental health services from qualified providers. Vouchers may be redeemed through qualified community-based case managers, designated by the department.