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Sponsor(s): Senators Deccio, Thibaudeau and Franklin; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Brief Description: Prioritizing services to persons with developmental disabilities by the department of social and health services to promote the independence of the individual and other natural and community-based supports.

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Finds the delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities should be prioritized based upon individual needs assessment that measures health and safety concerns.

Declares that families or other natural supports are the primary care system for people with developmental disabilities. Family and other natural supports should be encouraged through a continuum of services.

Provides that limited state resources should be allocated in a manner that maximizes the use of individual family and natural supports for the longest period of time, enabling the individual to be independent and not reliant upon institutional or residential care services until such time as these services are required in order to reasonably assure the health and safety of the individual.

Repeals RCW 71A.10.010, 71A.10.011, 71A.10.800, 71A.10.805, 71A.10.900, 71A.10.901, 71A.10.902, 71A.16.020, 71A.16.030, 71A.16.040, 71A.16.050, and 71A.16.010.