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Sponsor(s): Senators Kastama and Kohl-Welles

Brief Description: Creating an office of mental health ombudsman.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Finds that in order to comply with the community mental health services act, chapter 71.24 RCW, and the medicaid managed care mental health waiver, and to effectively assist persons with mental illness and consumers of mental health services in the assertion of their civil and human rights, and to improve the quality of services available and promote the rehabilitation, recovery, and reintegration of these persons, an independent mental health ombudsman program should be instituted.