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By Senators Keiser, Deccio, Spanel, Zarelli, Pflug, Kline, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to assessment of assisted living facility 2 applicants; and adding a new section to chapter 74.39A RCW.

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

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.39A RCW 5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall work in partnership with boarding homes, 7 and medicaid applicants and their families, to ensure that department 8 assessments of boarding home applicant care needs are completed in a 9 timely manner.

10 (2) The department shall complete an assessment of the care needs 11 of current or potential medicaid boarding home residents within ten 12 business days of application for services. If the department fails to 13 complete the assessment within ten business days, and following a 14 determination that the applicant qualifies for medicaid services, the 15 department shall pay for services from the date of the request for 16 assessment.

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