

HB 1519 - DIGEST

Declares that the December 4, 2002, capital study of the division of developmental disabilities residential habilitation centers by the joint legislative audit and review committee identifies options to dispose of excess property at Lakeland Village, Rainier School, and Yakima Valley School that would not impact current residential habilitation center operations.

Recognizes the importance of serving individuals with developmental disabilities in the communities in which they reside.

Finds that using these excess properties to provide services in the community will promote the integration and independence of individuals with developmental disabilities and will enable these individuals to avoid reliance on institutional services.

Declares an intent to allow use of these excess capital properties at residential habilitation centers for persons with developmental disabilities and to place the proceeds from their use into a perpetual trust account for unserved persons with developmental disabilities waiting for community-based developmental disability services.

Provides that excess property identified in the 2002 joint legislative audit and review committee capital study of the division of developmental disabilities residential habilitation centers must be managed to provide as much income as feasible and this income deposited into the developmental disabilities community trust account created in this act. Income may come from the sale or lease of the land, conservation easements, sale of timber, or other activities.

Requires the department to report on its efforts and strategies to provide income to the developmental disabilities community trust account from the excess property identified in this act from the sale or lease of the property, sale of timber, or other activities. The department shall report by June 30, 2006.