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**Health Care & Wellness  
Committee**

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**HB 2789**

**Brief Description:** Expanding adult day care services.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Rolfes, Green, Morrell, Williams and Santos.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Creates a challenge grant program to help communities and organizations establish additional adult day care service programs.

**Hearing Date:** 1/23/08

**Staff:** Dave Knutson (786-7146).

**Background:**

Adult day care service programs provide a service that allows people to live as independently as possible, while receiving services that are essential to their health and well-being. Adult day care service programs also serve as a respite from caregiving responsibilities for family members by allowing them to care for their family member without needing more formal services or a higher level residential care.

Adult day care service programs are not available in twenty-six of Washington's thirty-nine counties, and are only available to a limited degree in the thirteen counties in which some services exist.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Department of Social and Health Services is required to develop a challenge grant program for the purpose of expanding the availability of adult day care service programs. The grants cannot exceed \$100,000 for the purpose of helping with the costs of planning, development, and start-up of new adult day care service programs in underserved communities. Recipients of these grants must provide matching resources, in funds or in-kind, of equal value to any grant received.

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Any adult day care services program developed after receiving a challenge grant must agree to serve people whose care is paid for by the state medical assistance program on a first-come, first-served basis regardless of the source of payment.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 17, 2008.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.