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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2784**

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**By** House Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Cody, and Schual-Berke)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the intensive case management and integrated  
2 response pilot programs; amending RCW 70.96A.800, 70.96B.800, and  
3 70.96B.900; and providing an expiration date.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.96A.800 and 2005 c 504 s 220 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            (1) The secretary shall select and contract with counties to  
8 provide intensive case management for chemically dependent persons with  
9 histories of high utilization of crisis services at two sites. In  
10 selecting the two sites, the secretary shall endeavor to site one in an  
11 urban county, and one in a rural county; and to site them in counties  
12 other than those selected pursuant to RCW 70.96B.020, to the extent  
13 necessary to facilitate evaluation of pilot project results.

14            (2) The contracted sites shall implement the pilot programs by  
15 providing intensive case management to persons with a primary chemical  
16 dependency diagnosis or dual primary chemical dependency and mental  
17 health diagnoses, through the employment of chemical dependency case  
18 managers. The chemical dependency case managers shall:

1 (a) Be trained in and use the integrated, comprehensive screening  
2 and assessment process adopted under RCW 70.96C.010;

3 (b) Reduce the use of crisis medical, chemical dependency and  
4 mental health services, including but not limited to, emergency room  
5 admissions, hospitalizations, detoxification programs, inpatient  
6 psychiatric admissions, involuntary treatment petitions, emergency  
7 medical services, and ambulance services;

8 (c) Reduce the use of emergency first responder services including  
9 police, fire, emergency medical, and ambulance services;

10 (d) Reduce the number of criminal justice interventions including  
11 arrests, violations of conditions of supervision, bookings, jail days,  
12 prison sanction day for violations, court appearances, and prosecutor  
13 and defense costs;

14 (e) Where appropriate and available, work with therapeutic courts  
15 including drug courts and mental health courts to maximize the outcomes  
16 for the individual and reduce the likelihood of reoffense;

17 (f) Coordinate with local offices of the economic services  
18 administration to assist the person in accessing and remaining enrolled  
19 in those programs to which the person may be entitled;

20 (g) Where appropriate and available, coordinate with primary care  
21 and other programs operated through the federal government including  
22 federally qualified health centers, Indian health programs, and  
23 veterans' health programs for which the person is eligible to reduce  
24 duplication of services and conflicts in case approach;

25 (h) Where appropriate, advocate for the client's needs to assist  
26 the person in achieving and maintaining stability and progress toward  
27 recovery;

28 (i) Document the numbers of persons with co-occurring mental and  
29 substance abuse disorders and the point of determination of the co-  
30 occurring disorder by quadrant of intensity of need; and

31 (j) Where a program participant is under supervision by the  
32 department of corrections, collaborate with the department of  
33 corrections to maximize treatment outcomes and reduce the likelihood of  
34 reoffense.

35 (3) The pilot programs established by this section shall begin  
36 providing services by March 1, 2006.

37 (4) This section expires June 30, (~~2008~~) 2009.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.96B.800 and 2005 c 504 s 217 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) The Washington state institute for public policy shall evaluate  
4 the pilot programs and make ((a)) preliminary reports to appropriate  
5 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008,  
6 and a final report by ((~~September 30, 2008~~)) June 30, 2010.

7       (2) The evaluation of the pilot programs shall include:

8       (a) Whether the designated crisis responder pilot program:

9       (i) Has increased efficiency of evaluation and treatment of persons  
10 involuntarily detained for seventy-two hours;

11       (ii) Is cost-effective;

12       (iii) Results in better outcomes for persons involuntarily  
13 detained;

14       (iv) Increased the effectiveness of the crisis response system in  
15 the pilot catchment areas;

16       (b) The effectiveness of providing a single chapter in the Revised  
17 Code of Washington to address initial detention of persons with mental  
18 disorders or chemical dependency, in crisis response situations and the  
19 likelihood of effectiveness of providing a single, comprehensive  
20 involuntary treatment act.

21       (3) The reports shall consider the impact of the pilot programs on  
22 the existing mental health system and on the persons served by the  
23 system.

24       **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.96B.900 and 2005 c 504 s 219 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26       Sections 202 through 216 of this act expire ((~~July 1, 2008~~)) June  
27 30, 2009.

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