

HB 2629 - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/08)

Establishes at Vancouver, Clark county, the Washington state center for childhood deafness and hearing loss which shall be housed at and shall include the school and related facilities formerly known as the state school for the deaf. The center shall be under the direction of the director and the board of trustees. The superintendent and board of trustees of the state school for the deaf as of the effective date of this section shall be the director and board of trustees of the center.

Abolishes the state school for the deaf and transfers its powers, duties, and functions to the Washington state center for childhood deafness and hearing loss. All references to the superintendent or the state school for the deaf in the Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the director or the Washington state center for childhood deafness and hearing loss.

Requires the director of the Washington state center for childhood deafness and hearing loss to convene an advisory panel for the purpose of implementing in two educational service districts a structured program for delivering education services to children who are deaf and hearing impaired.