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**HOUSE BILL 1062**

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Lovick, Harmsworth, Sells, Hayes, Robinson, Haler, Chandler, Dent, Kagi, Smith, Ryu, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, and Stanford

AN ACT Relating to calculating the benchmark rate for certain community residential services; and adding a new section to chapter 71A.12 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 71A.12 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The department shall use the King county classification for the purposes of determining the benchmark rate in Snohomish county for:

(a) Supported living services;

(b) Group homes, which are facilities licensed as either an assisted living facility or adult family home, as both defined in RCW 74.39A.009;

(c) Group training homes as defined in RCW 71A.22.020; or

(d) Licensed staffed residential homes as licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW.

(2) "Benchmark rate" as used in this section means the rate at which direct care staff hours are paid, specific to a county classification.

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