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## Early Learning & Human Services Committee

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### HB 2683

**Brief Description:** Concerning developmental disability supported employment provider job coaches.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Caldier, Kilduff, Johnson, Muri, Jenkins, Santos, McBride, Ortiz-Self and Tarleton.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires that job coaches for individuals with developmental disabilities receive training regarding the activities of daily living that clients require assistance with and provide physical or verbal assistance to clients with those activities of daily living.

**Hearing Date:** 1/24/18

**Staff:** Luke Wickham (786-7146).

#### Background:

##### *Developmental Disability Administration.*

The Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) provides services to individuals who:

- have a diagnosis that presents before age 18, is expected to continue through a person's lifetime, and includes activities of daily living;
- have a functional need for services; and
- meet income and asset standards.

If an individual meets Institutional Level of Care (ILC) standards and other eligibility, the individual is entitled to services through the Medicaid state plan. These state plan options include:

- Residential habitation centers (Fircrest, Rainier, Yakima Valley, and Lakeland Village); and
- Community First Choice (personal care and other services in a non-residential setting).

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If an individual does not meet the ILC standard, but meets other eligibility criteria, he or she may be served by a Medicaid waiver such as:

- individual and family services;
- Basic Plus;
- Core;
- Children's Intensive; and
- Community Protection.

*Developmental Disability Employment Services.*

The DDA contracts with counties to provide employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Individual supported employment services are individualized services necessary to help persons with developmental disabilities obtain and continue integrated employment at or above the state's minimum wage in the general workforce. These services may include intake, discovery, assessment, job preparation, job marketing, job supports, record keeping, and support to maintain a job. The support provided for individual supported employment services can sometimes come in the form of a job coach.

Group supported employment services include many of the elements described in Individual Supported Employment and offer ongoing supervised employment for groups of no more than 8 workers with disabilities in the same setting. Examples include enclaves, mobile crews, and other business models employing small groups of workers with disabilities in integrated employment in community settings.

Prevocational services are intended to be short-term and include many of the elements described in individual supported employment and offer training and skill development for groups of workers with disabilities in the same setting. Services are provided by agencies established to provide services to people with disabilities.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) must require that supported employment providers that include job coaches in their program provide training to those job coaches regarding the activities of daily living identified in the assessment of each individual client that job coach supports. The DDA must also required that supported employment provider job coaches provide verbal or physical assistance to individual clients with activities of daily living identified in the assessment of each individual client that the job coach supports.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 18, 2018.

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