

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1929

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT—POSTINPATIENT HOUSING PROGRAM FOR YOUNG
ADULTS

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LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of
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DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

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JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1929** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cortes, Eslick, Ortiz-Self, Leavitt, Duerr, Ramel, Slatter, Taylor, Orwall, Ryu, Reed, Simmons, Ormsby, Fey, Callan, Peterson, Timmons, Kloba, Macri, Street, Gregerson, Doglio, Paul, Chopp, Mena, Goodman, Lekanoff, Reeves, Fosse, Pollet, and Davis)

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1 AN ACT Relating to supporting young adults following inpatient
2 behavioral health treatment; adding a new section to chapter 74.09
3 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature has committed to and
6 invested in ensuring that young people exiting the system of care do
7 so with safe housing and developmentally responsive services through
8 the enactment of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6560 (2018) and Second
9 Substitute House Bill No. 1905 (2022).

10 (2) The legislature finds that young people who exit behavioral
11 health inpatient treatment are the largest group of people who become
12 homeless within three to 12 months of all the young people who exit
13 any publicly funded system of care, as identified in a 2023 report
14 produced by the research and data analysis division of the department
15 of social and health services.

16 (3) The legislature has invested significant funding in the
17 behavioral health system and finds that ensuring a person's safe
18 return to the community postinpatient treatment is a high priority
19 and a major opportunity to end their experience with homelessness. In
20 addition, the legislature finds that a young person who enters
21 treatment demonstrates the courage to engage in their personal health

1 and creates the opportunity for family and community reunification,
2 career development, and a full life.

3 (4) The legislature further finds that it often takes more time
4 and resources than expected during a person's inpatient treatment
5 episode to identify a return to community plan that includes long-
6 term, safe housing and a developmentally and culturally responsive
7 support system that includes relationships, services, and passions.

8 (5) For these reasons, the legislature finds that having an
9 interim housing option that provides a safe and soft landing
10 postinpatient treatment, located on each side of the state, that has
11 well-trained staff and peers who have behavioral health expertise, is
12 a sound investment in our young people and our collective goals to
13 prevent and end homelessness.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
17 specific purpose, the postinpatient housing program for young adults
18 is established to provide supportive transitional housing with
19 behavioral health support focused on securing long-term housing for
20 young adults exiting inpatient behavioral health treatment.

21 (2) To be eligible for the postinpatient housing program for
22 young adults created under this section, a person must:

23 (a) Be 18 through 24 years of age;

24 (b) (i) Be exiting inpatient behavioral health treatment; or

25 (ii) Have exited inpatient behavioral health treatment within the
26 last month and be engaged in a recovery plan; and

27 (c) Not have secured long-term housing.

28 (3) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
29 specific purpose and to fulfill the requirements of this section, the
30 authority shall:

31 (a) Provide funding to a community-based organization or
32 organizations or federally recognized tribes within Washington or
33 tribal organizations that serve American Indians and Alaska Natives
34 in Washington with expertise in working with young people
35 experiencing unaccompanied homelessness, behavioral health
36 conditions, or both, to operate a residential program or programs as
37 described in this subsection (3)(a). The organization selected to
38 operate a residential program or programs in this subsection (3)(a)
39 may choose whether or not to serve individuals eligible according to

1 the criteria established in subsection (2) of this section. The
2 residential program or programs must be voluntary for participants
3 and may not be a secure facility, or a facility that limits
4 residents' ingress and egress pursuant to chapter 71.24 RCW, or a
5 facility at which individuals may be detained pursuant to chapter
6 71.05 RCW. In addition, the authority shall consult with a transition
7 support provider when soliciting and selecting a community-based
8 organization or organizations under this subsection. The funding
9 provided under this subsection must be used to:

10 (i) Establish at least two residential programs with six to 10
11 beds with one program on either side of the Cascade mountain range;

12 (ii) Establish a developmentally and culturally responsive
13 environment that values healing and recovery;

14 (iii) Engage peers with behavioral health experience in the
15 support and recovery of individuals served by the program;

16 (iv) Serve individuals determined eligible according to the
17 criteria established in subsection (2) of this section for up to 90
18 days; and

19 (v) Support and strengthen the ongoing healing and learning that
20 occurred for those served by the program during their inpatient
21 treatment;

22 (b) Provide additional funding to the transition support provider
23 for:

24 (i) Consultation and training services to the residential program
25 or programs selected under (a) of this subsection;

26 (ii) Return-to-community planning for the individuals served by
27 the residential programs described under (a) of this subsection; and

28 (iii) To the extent possible, making contact with individuals
29 served by the residential programs described under (a) of this
30 subsection at regular intervals after those individuals leave the
31 residential program and reporting this information to the authority;

32 (c) Provide flexible funding to support individuals served by the
33 residential programs described under (a) of this subsection. The
34 flexible funding provided under this subsection may be provided to
35 support the immediate needs of the individual. Uses of the flexible
36 funding provided under this subsection may include, but are not
37 limited to, the following:

38 (i) Car repair or other transportation assistance;

39 (ii) Rental application fees, a security deposit, or short-term
40 rental assistance; or

1 (iii) Other uses that will help support the person's housing
2 stability, education, or employment, or meet immediate basic needs;
3 and

4 (d) Provide funding to contract with individuals or entities that
5 provide behavioral health support to individuals determined eligible
6 according to the criteria established in subsection (2) of this
7 section, which may include, but are not limited to:

8 (i) On-site and community-based behavioral health supports;

9 (ii) Peer supports; and

10 (iii) Medication management.

11 (4) For purposes of this section, "transition support provider"
12 means a community-based organization selected by the authority that
13 continues to:

14 (a) Provide information and support services related to safe
15 housing and support services for youth exiting inpatient behavioral
16 health treatment; and

17 (b) Organize a coalition of community housing providers,
18 federally recognized tribes within Washington or tribal organizations
19 that serve American Indians and Alaska Natives in Washington,
20 inpatient behavioral health discharge planners, and young people with
21 lived experience of behavioral health conditions or unaccompanied
22 homelessness.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of
24 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
25 provided by June 30, 2024, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
26 act is null and void.

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