

ESHB 2319 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Human Services

NOT CONSIDERED 03/12/2026

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington
4 maintains a system of residential habilitation centers providing
5 residential habilitative support for primarily adult individuals with
6 developmental disabilities. Services at these facilities include
7 medical and dental treatment, training in daily living skills,
8 nursing services, employment services, and myriad other therapies and
9 supports. Three of the four residential habilitation centers that are
10 currently in use, as well as one former facility, are officially
11 referred to in statute as schools. This does not accurately reflect
12 the primary function or purpose of these facilities.

13 Therefore, the legislature intends to officially rename some of
14 these facilities residential habilitation centers. The legislature
15 does not intend to change the purpose or operations of these
16 facilities in any way by renaming them, nor does it intend for the
17 renaming to have any direct or indirect effect on access to funding
18 for these facilities; rather, it seeks to clarify that these are
19 habilitative facilities, rather than educational institutions, and
20 make the names of the residential habilitation centers consistent
21 with their function.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The following residential habilitation
23 centers are renamed:

24 (a) Fircrest school is renamed Fircrest residential habilitation
25 center;

26 (b) Rainier school is renamed Rainier residential habilitation
27 center; and

28 (c) Yakima Valley school is renamed Yakima Valley residential
29 habilitation center.

1 (2) Lakeland Village residential habilitation center will
2 continue to be named Lakeland Village residential habilitation
3 center.

4 (3) References to the former Interlake school will be to
5 Interlake residential habilitation center.

6 (4) Any existing references to Fircrest school, Rainier school,
7 or Yakima Valley school retain full force and effect as would a
8 reference to the updated names as identified in subsection (1) of
9 this section.

10 (5) The department of social and health services shall update
11 rules and make other changes necessary to reflect the current names
12 of the facilities as identified in this section.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.190.005 and 2021 c 164 s 3 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
16 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

17 (1) "Institutional education facility" means residential
18 habilitation and child study and treatment centers operated by the
19 department of social and health services, state long-term juvenile
20 institutions operated by the department of children, youth, and
21 families, state-operated community facilities, county juvenile
22 detention centers, and facilities of the department of corrections
23 that incarcerate juveniles committed as adults.

24 (2) "Institutional education program" means the program of
25 education that is provided to youth in institutional education
26 facilities as a mandatory component of the program of basic education
27 under RCW 28A.150.200.

28 (3) "Institutional education provider" or "provider" means a
29 school district, educational service district, or other entity
30 providing education services to youth in an institutional education
31 facility.

32 (4) "Postresident youth" means a person who is under the age of
33 21 and a former resident of an institutional education facility. A
34 postresident youth may be a public school student or a person who is
35 eligible to be a public school student but who is not enrolled in a
36 school or otherwise receiving basic education services.

37 (5) "Residential school" means the following institutional
38 education facilities: Green Hill school, Naselle Youth Camp, Echo
39 Glen, Lakeland Village residential habilitation center, Rainier

1 (~~school~~) residential habilitation center, Yakima Valley (~~school~~)
2 residential habilitation center, Fircrest (~~school~~) residential
3 habilitation center, the Child Study and Treatment Center and
4 Secondary School of western state hospital, and other schools, camps,
5 and centers established by the department of social and health
6 services or the department of children, youth, and families for the
7 diagnosis, confinement, and rehabilitation of juveniles committed by
8 the courts or for the care and treatment of persons who are
9 exceptional in their needs by reason of mental or physical
10 deficiency. "Residential school" does not include the state schools
11 for the blind, the Washington state center for childhood deafness and
12 hearing loss, or adult correctional institutions.

13 (6) "School district" has the same meaning as in RCW 28A.315.025
14 and includes any educational service district that has entered into
15 an agreement to provide a program of education for residents at an
16 institutional education facility on behalf of the school district as
17 a cooperative service program pursuant to RCW 28A.310.180.

18 (7) "Youth" means a person who is under the age of 21 who is a
19 resident of an institutional education facility. A youth may be a
20 public school student or a person who is eligible to be a public
21 school student but who is not enrolled in a school or otherwise
22 receiving basic education services.

23 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.30.810 and 1988 c 57 s 1 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) Washington State University shall establish and operate a
26 dairy/forage and agricultural research facility at the Rainier
27 (~~school~~) residential habilitation center farm.

28 (2) Local funds generated through operation of this facility
29 shall be managed in a revolving fund, established herewith, by the
30 university. This fund shall consist of all moneys received in
31 connection with the operation of the facility and any moneys
32 appropriated to the fund by law. Disbursements from the revolving
33 fund shall be on authorization of the president of the university or
34 the president's designee. In order to maintain an effective
35 expenditure and revenue control, this fund, to be known as the dairy/
36 forage facility revolving fund, shall be subject in all respects to
37 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required to permit
38 expenditures and payment of obligations from the fund.

1 (3) In the event state funding is not sufficient to operate the
2 dairy cattle herd, the university is authorized to lease the herd,
3 together with the land necessary to maintain the same, for such
4 period and upon such terms as the university board of regents shall
5 deem proper.

6 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.382.801 and 2025 c 410 s 4 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) By November 1, 2028, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036,
9 the office of the developmental (~~(disability—[disabilities])~~)
10 disabilities ombuds shall submit a report to the appropriate
11 committees of the legislature that includes summaries of resident,
12 parent, and guardian feedback regarding transition of residents out
13 of the Rainier (~~(school)~~) residential habilitation center following
14 July 27, 2025.

15 (2) This section expires July 1, 2029.

16 **Sec. 6.** RCW 71A.20.020 and 2025 c 410 s 1 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this
19 section, the following residential habilitation centers are
20 permanently established to provide services to persons with
21 developmental disabilities: Lakeland Village residential habilitation
22 center, located at Medical Lake, Spokane county; Rainier (~~(school)~~)
23 residential habilitation center, located at Buckley, Pierce county;
24 Yakima Valley (~~(school)~~) residential habilitation center, located at
25 Selah, Yakima county; and Fircrest (~~(school)~~) residential
26 habilitation center, located at Seattle, King county.

27 (2) The Yakima Valley (~~(school)~~) residential habilitation center,
28 located at Selah, Yakima county, shall cease to operate as a
29 residential habilitation center when the conditions in RCW
30 71A.20.180(1)(a) are met.

31 (3) The Rainier (~~(school)~~) residential habilitation center,
32 located at Buckley, Pierce county shall cease to operate as a
33 residential habilitation center when the conditions in RCW
34 71A.20.191(5) are met.

35 **Sec. 7.** RCW 71A.20.030 and 1988 c 176 s 703 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

1 (1) The secretary may use surplus physical facilities at eastern
2 state hospital as a residential habilitation center, which shall be
3 known as the "~~School~~) residential habilitation center."

4 (2) The secretary may designate and select such buildings and
5 facilities and tracts of land at eastern state hospital that are
6 surplus to the needs of the department for mentally ill persons and
7 that are reasonably necessary and adequate for services for persons
8 with developmental disabilities. The secretary shall also designate
9 those buildings, equipment, and facilities which are to be used
10 jointly and mutually by both eastern state hospital and Interlake
11 (~~School~~) residential habilitation center.

12 **Sec. 8.** RCW 71A.20.170 and 2020 c 250 s 1 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) The developmental disabilities community services account is
15 created in the state treasury.

16 (2) The following revenues must be deposited in the account:

17 (a) All net proceeds from leases or sales of real property,
18 conservation easements, and sales of timber, from the state
19 properties at the Fircrest residential habilitation center, the
20 Lakeland Village residential habilitation center, the Rainier
21 (~~school~~) residential habilitation center, and the Yakima Valley
22 (~~school~~) residential habilitation center. However, real property
23 that is determined by the department of social and health services to
24 be required for the operations of the residential habilitation
25 centers is excluded from the real property that may be leased or sold
26 for the benefit of the account. In addition, real property owned by
27 the charitable, educational, penal, and reformatory institutions
28 trust, and revenue therefrom, is excluded; and

29 (b) Any other moneys appropriated or transferred to the account
30 by the legislature.

31 (3) Any sale, lease, or easement under this section must be at
32 fair market value.

33 (4) Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
34 Expenditures from the account shall be used exclusively for:

35 (a) Supports and services in a community setting to benefit
36 eligible persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; or

37 (b) Investment expenses of the state investment board.

38 (5) The department of social and health services must solicit
39 recommendations from the Washington state developmental disabilities

1 council regarding expenditure of moneys from the Dan Thompson
2 memorial developmental disabilities community services account for
3 supports and services in a community setting to benefit eligible
4 persons with developmental disabilities.

5 (6) Expenditures from the account must supplement, and may not
6 replace, supplant, or reduce current state expenditure levels for
7 supports and services in the community setting for eligible persons
8 with developmental disabilities.

9 (7) (a) The state investment board must invest moneys in the
10 account. The state investment board has the full power to invest,
11 reinvest, manage, contract, sell, or exchange investment money in the
12 account. All investment and operating costs associated with the
13 investment of money shall be paid under RCW 43.33A.160 and 43.84.160.

14 (b) All investments made by the state investment board shall be
15 made with the degree of judgment and care required under RCW
16 43.33A.140 and the investment policy established by the state
17 investment board.

18 (c) The state investment board shall routinely consult and
19 communicate with the department of social and health services and the
20 legislature on the investment policy, earnings of the account, and
21 related needs of the account.

22 (8) The account shall be known as the Dan Thompson memorial
23 developmental disabilities community services account.

24 **Sec. 9.** RCW 71A.20.180 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 19 s 1 are each
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (1) (a) The Yakima Valley (~~school~~) residential habilitation
27 center shall continue to operate as a residential habilitation center
28 until such time that the census of permanent residents has reached
29 eight persons. Upon such time as the facility closes to full
30 residential care, the facility must thereafter operate crisis
31 stabilization beds and only so many respite service beds as the needs
32 of the department-identified catchment area or as emergency placement
33 needs require, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated
34 for this specific purpose.

35 (b) As of October 19, 2017, no new long-term admissions are
36 permitted.

37 (2) The department, within available funds:

38 (a) Shall establish state-operated living alternatives, within
39 funds specifically provided in the omnibus appropriations act, to

1 provide community residential services to residential habilitation
2 center residents transitioning to the community under chapter 30,
3 Laws of 2011 1st sp. sess. who prefer a state-operated living
4 alternative. The department shall offer residential habilitation
5 center employees opportunities to work in state-operated living
6 alternatives as they are established;

7 (b) May use existing supported living program capacity in the
8 community for former residential habilitation center residents who
9 prefer and choose a supported living program;

10 (c) Shall establish up to eight state-staffed crisis
11 stabilization beds and up to eight state-staffed respite beds based
12 upon funding provided in the omnibus appropriations act and the
13 geographic areas with the greatest need for those services;

14 (d) Shall establish regional or mobile specialty services evenly
15 distributed throughout the state, such as dental care, physical
16 therapy, occupational therapy, and specialized nursing care, which
17 can be made available to former residents of residential habilitation
18 centers and, within available funds, other individuals with
19 developmental disabilities residing in the community; and

20 (e) Shall continue to provide respite services in residential
21 habilitation centers and continue to develop respite care in the
22 community.

23 **Sec. 10.** RCW 71A.20.191 and 2025 c 410 s 2 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, as
26 of July 27, 2025, no new long-term admissions are permitted at the
27 Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center, located at
28 Buckley, Pierce county.

29 (b) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, as of
30 June 30, 2027, no admissions of any kind are permitted at the Rainier
31 (~~school~~) residential habilitation center, located at Buckley,
32 Pierce county.

33 (2) Until the conditions in subsection (5) of this section are
34 met, a former long-term resident of the Rainier (~~school~~)
35 residential habilitation center who moves to a community-based
36 setting after July 27, 2025, shall be offered the right to return to
37 the Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center once during
38 the first year following their move to the community and this shall
39 not be considered a new admission for purposes of subsection (1) of

1 this section. If a former resident of the Rainier (~~school~~)
2 residential habilitation center exercises the right to return
3 established in this subsection (2), any additional request to return
4 to the Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center after a
5 second move to the community shall be reviewed by the department and
6 must be approved by the secretary, based on the recommendation from a
7 multidisciplinary care team. In addition to the right to return
8 established in this subsection (2), any former resident of the
9 Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center maintains the
10 right to return to a residential habilitation center established in
11 RCW 71A.18.040 and the right to residential habilitation center
12 services when determined eligible.

13 (3) (a) The department shall:

14 (i) Provide state-operated living alternatives to residential
15 habilitation center residents transitioning to the community from the
16 Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center who prefer a
17 state-operated community residential service;

18 (ii) Use supported living program and adult family home capacity
19 in the community for residents of the Rainier (~~school~~) residential
20 habilitation center who prefer and choose these settings;

21 (iii) Provide space at other residential habilitation centers to
22 residents of the Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center
23 who prefer a different residential habilitation center setting; and

24 (iv) Offer employees of the Rainier (~~school~~) residential
25 habilitation center opportunities to work in state-operated living
26 alternatives and other state facilities and programs.

27 (b) Sufficient funding shall be appropriated to the department to
28 fulfill the requirements of this subsection (3).

29 (4) When assisting individuals who are transitioning out of the
30 Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center the department
31 shall:

32 (a) Offer each individual resident a meaningful choice of
33 appropriate alternative placements;

34 (b) Prioritize client choice, autonomy, individual preferences,
35 medical and behavioral health care needs, and opportunities for
36 community integration;

37 (c) Develop individualized transition plans in collaboration with
38 each resident and their family or legal guardian, caregivers, and
39 support providers;

1 (d) Coordinate closely with other state agencies, local entities,
2 health care providers, and community stakeholders to ensure seamless
3 transitions;

4 (e) Provide or contract for all necessary assessments, planning,
5 relocation expenses, housing modifications, staff training, crisis
6 support, and related transition activities; and

7 (f) Implement robust oversight and accountability measures
8 related to the transitions, and regularly monitor transition
9 outcomes, as well as individual well-being and satisfaction.

10 (5) The Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center,
11 located at Buckley, Pierce county shall continue to operate as a
12 residential habilitation center until such time that the census of
13 long-term residents has reached zero persons.

14 (6) "Closure" for purposes of chapter 410, Laws of 2025 means
15 prohibiting new admissions as described in subsection (1) of this
16 section.

17 **Sec. 11.** RCW 71A.20.195 and 2025 c 410 s 3 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (1) The department of social and health services shall, in
20 compliance with RCW 43.01.036, submit a report to the appropriate
21 committees of the legislature on December 1, 2025, June 1, 2026,
22 December 1, 2026, June 1, 2027, June 1, 2028, and annually thereafter
23 that provides the information described in subsection (2) of this
24 section.

25 (2) The report required under subsection (1) of this section must
26 include the following:

27 (a) A point in time description of the capacity for all
28 residential settings for clients of the developmental disabilities
29 administration within the department of social and health services;

30 (b) The number of former residents who have transitioned out of
31 the Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center after July 27,
32 2025, and the type of setting that the person transitioned to,
33 including additional transitions from the initial placement;

34 (c) The number of deaths of former residents who have
35 transitioned out of the Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation
36 center after July 27, 2025, and into other residential settings
37 supported by the developmental disabilities administration;

38 (d) The geographic distribution of residential placements across
39 all existing residential placements for clients of the developmental

1 disabilities administration within the department of social and
2 health services; and

3 (e) Information regarding former Rainier (~~school~~) residential
4 habilitation center employees who have transitioned to other state
5 employment, left the industry, or transitioned to private sector
6 employment after July 27, 2025.

7 (3) This section expires July 1, 2030.

8 **Sec. 12.** RCW 72.01.050 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 628 are each
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (1) The secretary of social and health services shall have full
11 power to manage and govern the following public institutions: The
12 western state hospital, the eastern state hospital, the northern
13 state hospital, Lakeland Village residential habilitation center, the
14 Rainier (~~school~~) residential habilitation center, and such other
15 institutions as authorized by law, subject only to the limitations
16 contained in laws relating to the management of such institutions.

17 (2) The secretary of corrections shall have full power to manage,
18 govern, and name all state correctional facilities, subject only to
19 the limitations contained in laws relating to the management of such
20 institutions.

21 (3) If any state correctional facility is fully or partially
22 destroyed by natural causes or otherwise, the secretary of
23 corrections may, with the approval of the governor, provide for the
24 establishment and operation of additional residential correctional
25 facilities to place those inmates displaced by such destruction.
26 However, such additional facilities may not be established if there
27 are existing residential correctional facilities to which all of the
28 displaced inmates can be appropriately placed. The establishment and
29 operation of any additional facility shall be on a temporary basis,
30 and the facility may not be operated beyond July 1 of the year
31 following the year in which it was partially or fully destroyed.

32 (4) The secretary of the department of children, youth, and
33 families shall have full power to manage and govern Echo Glen, the
34 Green Hill school, and such other institutions as authorized by law,
35 subject only to the limitations contained in laws relating to the
36 management of such institutions.

37 **Sec. 13.** RCW 72.05.010 and 2020 c 274 s 54 are each amended to
38 read as follows:

1 (1) The purposes of this section and RCW (~~(72.05.010)~~) 72.05.020
2 through 72.05.210 are: To provide for every child with behavior
3 problems, persons with disabilities, and hearing and visually
4 impaired children, within the purview of this section and RCW
5 (~~(72.05.010)~~) 72.05.020 through 72.05.210, as now or hereafter
6 amended, such care, guidance and instruction, control and treatment
7 as will best serve the welfare of the child or person and society; to
8 insure nonpolitical and qualified operation, supervision, management,
9 and control of the Green Hill school, the Naselle Youth Camp, Echo
10 Glen, Lakeland Village residential habilitation center, Rainier
11 (~~school~~) residential habilitation center, the Yakima Valley
12 (~~school~~) residential habilitation center, Fircrest (~~school~~)
13 residential habilitation center, the Child Study and Treatment Center
14 and Secondary School of western state hospital, and like residential
15 state schools, camps, and centers hereafter established; and to
16 provide for the persons committed or admitted to those schools and
17 centers that type of care, instruction, and treatment most likely to
18 accomplish their rehabilitation and restoration to normal
19 citizenship.

20 (2) To further such purposes, Green Hill School, Echo Glen,
21 Naselle Youth Camp, and such other juvenile rehabilitation
22 facilities, as may hereafter be established, are placed under the
23 department of children, youth, and families; Lakeland Village
24 residential habilitation center, Rainier (~~school~~) residential
25 habilitation center, the Yakima Valley (~~school~~) residential
26 habilitation center, Fircrest (~~school~~) residential habilitation
27 center, the Child Study and Treatment Center and Secondary School of
28 western state hospital, and like residential state schools, camps,
29 and centers, hereafter established, are placed under the department
30 of social and health services.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. If any part of this act is found to be in
32 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
33 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of
34 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with
35 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not
36 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application
37 to the agencies concerned. Rules adopted under this act must meet
38 federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of
39 federal funds by the state."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "disabilities;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.190.005,
3 28B.30.810, 43.382.801, 71A.20.020, 71A.20.030, 71A.20.170,
4 71A.20.180, 71A.20.191, 71A.20.195, 72.01.050, and 72.05.010; and
5 creating new sections."

EFFECT: Yakima Valley School is renamed the Yakima Valley Residential Habilitation Center.

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