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By Senator C. Wilson

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1 On page 152, after line 32, insert the following:

2 "(aa) (i) \$250,000 of the developmental disabilities community
3 services account—state appropriation is provided solely for the
4 department to establish a strategic planning work group to transform
5 Washington's system of services and supports for individuals with
6 intellectual and developmental disabilities by:

7 (A) Prioritizing collaborative engagement between individuals
8 with lived or living experience and decision makers who will act to
9 make the vision a reality;

10 (B) Identifying and implementing strategies to reduce or
11 eliminate the use of expensive, congregate institutional settings for
12 long-term care;

13 (C) Expanding community-based services to serve a larger
14 population of people with intellectual and developmental
15 disabilities;

16 (D) Addressing barriers to service access and equity; and

17 (E) Identifying necessary investments in community
18 infrastructure, workforce, and service capacity.

19 (ii) By June 30, 2027, the strategic planning work group must
20 develop and submit to the appropriate committees of the legislature a
21 comprehensive 10-year strategic plan to increase statewide access to
22 adequate and appropriate community-based services and supports for
23 infants, children, youth, young adults, and adults with intellectual
24 and developmental disabilities, and their families and caregivers.

25 (iii) Staffing for the work group shall be provided by the
26 department."

EFFECT: Utilizes existing appropriations from the Developmental Disabilities Community Services Account to establish a work group staffed by DSHS to develop and submit, by June 30, 2027, a comprehensive, 10-year strategic plan to increase statewide access to community-based services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families and caregivers.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

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