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By House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Zahn, Barnard, Ryu, Eslick, Leavitt, Tharinger, Parshley, Lekanoff, Reed, Duerr, Taylor, Macri, and Bernbaum)

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving the efficient delivery of services
2 to persons with developmental disabilities by streamlining monitoring
3 and oversight activities related to community residential service
4 business providers; adding a new section to chapter 74.39A RCW; and
5 creating a new section.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that community
8 residential service business providers, who serve over 87 percent of
9 clients in residential services, play a vital role in ensuring that
10 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities can live
11 safely and independently in their communities. These providers are
12 subject to multiple audits, reviews, and reporting requirements from
13 various divisions within the department of social and health services
14 and other state and federal oversight entities. While accountability
15 and quality oversight are essential, duplicative and overlapping
16 requirements divert limited administrative resources away from direct
17 client support and create inefficiencies across the system.

18 It is the intent of the legislature to streamline, align, and
19 modernize reporting and audit processes for community residential
20 service business providers. The legislature intends that the
21 department of social and health services identify and eliminate

1 redundant or conflicting audit and reporting requirements,
2 consolidate similar reviews where possible, and improve data sharing
3 across and within the department's divisions to reduce administrative
4 burden.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.39A
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the
8 department may conduct no more than one annual routine review per
9 community residential service business provider in each of the
10 following subject areas, and shall combine review activities in
11 multiple subject areas where possible:

- 12 (i) Client finances;
- 13 (ii) Client service plans;
- 14 (iii) Federal compliance reviews;
- 15 (iv) Client community integration;
- 16 (v) Provider finances; and
- 17 (vi) General quality assurance.

18 (b) The limitation on routine reviews as described in (a) of this
19 subsection does not apply to activities related to investigations by
20 adult protective services, incident reports, complaint
21 investigations, citation follow-up activities, or mortality reviews,
22 or to monitoring and oversight activities that are otherwise required
23 by federal or state law.

24 (2) The department shall adopt administrative rules or department
25 policies that require document and record sharing between and within
26 department divisions when performing monitoring and oversight
27 activities in order to minimize multiple requests for documents or
28 records that have already been provided by a community residential
29 service business provider based on a previous request by the
30 department. The rules or policies may identify exceptions to this
31 requirement for ongoing investigations and other circumstances in
32 which document or record sharing is not possible due to
33 confidentiality requirements.

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