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1 AN ACT Relating to updating the supported living cost report;
2 adding a new section to chapter 74.39A RCW; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.39A
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) By July 1, 2026, the department shall update the supported
8 living cost report template to comply with federal law and
9 regulations and to facilitate addressing the direct support
10 professional workforce shortage in the supported living industry.

11 (2) The updates to the supported living cost report template must
12 include, but are not limited to:

13 (a) Full-time equivalent employee counts for each type of
14 instruction and support services staff, including for each type of
15 specialist staff;

16 (b) The number of each type of instruction and support services
17 staff, including for each type of specialist staff;

18 (c) Annual weighted average base hourly wage by each instruction
19 and support services staff type including by type of specialist
20 staff;

1 (d) Detailed benefit information for each instruction and support
2 services staff type including, but not limited to:

3 (i) Average annual amount of employer portion of medical, dental,
4 vision, and life insurance, disaggregated by type;

5 (ii) Average annual amount of employer contributions to employee
6 retirement benefits; and

7 (iii) Annual amount, in days or hours, of employer-paid time off
8 disaggregated by type including but not limited to sick leave, paid
9 time off, vacation leave, holidays, and bereavement leave; and

10 (e) Disaggregated revenue line items including but not limited to
11 revenue by client tier, and any nonmedicaid revenue.

12 (3) The department may consult with the work group established in
13 subsection (4) of this section when updating the supported living
14 cost report template.

15 (4)(a) A supported living work group is established, with the
16 following members:

17 (i) The secretary of the department, or the secretary's designee;

18 (ii) Three supported living providers, with at least one
19 nonprofit and one for-profit provider, from the top five supported
20 living providers, as determined by the number of medicaid clients
21 served during the previous fiscal year according to the most recent
22 cost report available to the department, appointed by the governor;

23 (iii) A representative from an organization not affiliated with a
24 supported living provider representing people with intellectual,
25 developmental, or physical disabilities, appointed by the governor;
26 and

27 (iv) Three representatives, with at least one direct support
28 professional, from the union representing the largest number of
29 direct support professionals under state-contracted services,
30 appointed by the union.

31 (b) The work group shall develop supported living medicaid rate
32 recommendations to promote equitable compensation for direct support
33 professionals. In developing its recommendations, the work group
34 shall consider, at a minimum, requirements on how supported living
35 providers must use the instructional support services rate to improve
36 compensation for direct support professionals. Recommendations may
37 include penalties for providers who fail to demonstrate compliance
38 with recommendations made in this section.

39 (c) The department may contract with a private entity to provide
40 data analysis of the information submitted by work group members as

1 necessary to inform the work group's development of wage investment
2 proposals described in (b) of this subsection.

3 (d) The department shall provide administrative and logistical
4 support for the work group, including scheduling, facilitation, and
5 preparation of materials.

6 (e) The department shall issue a final report to the appropriate
7 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2026. The report must
8 include findings and recommendations for direct support professional
9 wage investment proposals described in (b) of this subsection.

10 (5) For the purpose of this section:

11 (a) "Direct support professional" means any person who supports
12 an individual with a developmental disability to implement the
13 individual's individual support plan or person-centered service plan.
14 This includes staff who provide instruction and support services. A
15 direct support professional does not include managers or individuals
16 functionally providing above the first level of supervision; and

17 (b) "Supported living provider" means any organization providing
18 supported living services as described in RCW 71A.10.020.

19 (6) This section expires September 1, 2028.

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