

Substitute House Bill 2448 Regarding Enhanced Services Facilities

This bill amends Chapter 70.97 RCW regarding Enhanced Services Facilities and Chapter 70.129 RCW regarding Long-Term Care Resident Rights to include these changes:

- Modifies the admission criteria to reflect current practice;
- Removes references to ESFs being a mental health treatment facility;
- Adds that DSHS assesses individuals to determine if they need the level of service provided in an ESF;
- Changes terminology, removing references to treatment and security;
- Allows the long-term care ombuds to monitor ESFs; and
- Expands ESF resident rights to be the same as the resident rights applicable to individuals living in other long-term care settings.

As of March 9, 2020, Substitute House Bill 2448 is in the Governor's Office for review.