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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5681

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State of Washington

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By Senate Human Services Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes and Keiser)

READ FIRST TIME 02/21/13.

1 AN ACT Relating to facilitating treatment for persons with co-  
2 occurring disorders by requiring development of an integrated rule;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 70.96A RCW; adding a new section to  
4 chapter 71.24 RCW; and providing expiration dates.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.96A RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Any licensed mental health agency which has a waiver from the  
9 department exempting the agency from compliance with chemical  
10 dependency rules for services provided to patients with co-occurring  
11 mental health and chemical dependency disorders as of January 1, 2013,  
12 may request and must receive a three-year renewal of the waiver  
13 exempting the agency from compliance with chemical dependency rules  
14 with respect to such patients if a fully integrated rule is not in  
15 effect by May 1, 2014.

16 (2) This section expires June 30, 2014.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71.24 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

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2 department exempting the agency from compliance with chemical  
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8 effect by May 1, 2014.

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