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By Senator Brandland

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1 AN ACT Relating to adult family home advisory committees; and  
2 amending RCW 70.128.225.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.128.225 and 2002 c 223 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) In an effort to ensure a cooperative process among the  
7 department, adult family home provider representatives, and resident  
8 and family representatives on matters pertaining to the adult family  
9 home program, the secretary, or his or her designee, shall designate an  
10 advisory committee. The advisory committee must include:  
11 Representatives from the industry including four adult family home  
12 providers, at least two of whom are affiliated with recognized adult  
13 family home associations; one representative from the state long-term  
14 care ombudsman program; one representative from the statewide resident  
15 council program; one representative from a general authority Washington  
16 law enforcement agency as defined in RCW 10.93.020; and two  
17 representatives of families and other consumers. The secretary shall  
18 appoint a chairperson for the committee from the committee membership  
19 for a term of one year. In appointing the chairperson, the secretary

1 shall consult with members of the committee. Depending on the topic to  
2 be discussed, the department may invite other representatives in  
3 addition to the named members of the advisory committee. The  
4 secretary, or his or her designee, shall periodically, but not less  
5 than quarterly, convene a meeting of the advisory committee to  
6 encourage open dialogue on matters affecting the adult family home  
7 program. It is, minimally, expected that the department will discuss  
8 with the advisory committee the department's inspection, enforcement,  
9 and quality improvement activities, in addition to seeking their  
10 comments and recommendations on matters described under subsection (2)  
11 of this section.

12 (2) The secretary, or his or her designee, shall seek comments and  
13 recommendations from the advisory committee prior to the adoption of  
14 rules and standards, implementation of adult family home provider  
15 programs, or development of methods and rates of payment.

16 (3) Establishment of the advisory committee shall not prohibit the  
17 department of social and health services from utilizing other advisory  
18 activities that the department of social and health services deems  
19 necessary for program development.

20 (4) Members of the advisory committee shall be reimbursed for  
21 travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 from license  
22 fees collected under chapter 70.128 RCW.

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