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**SENATE BILL 6024**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senator Randall

1       AN ACT Relating to facilitating the transfer of persons detained  
2 for involuntary behavioral health treatment to certified evaluation  
3 and treatment facilities; and adding a new section to chapter 71.05  
4 RCW.

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

6       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**   A new section is added to chapter 71.05  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8       (1) A certified evaluation and treatment facility must prioritize  
9 providing admission and services to persons detained pursuant to a  
10 single bed certification under RCW 71.05.745 in an emergency room or  
11 other facility that is not primarily concerned in the treatment of  
12 persons with behavioral health disorders alongside providing  
13 admission and services to new detainees.

14       (2) A certified evaluation and treatment facility is not required  
15 under subsection (1) of this section to offer admission and services  
16 to a person who requires medical services that are not generally  
17 available in a certified evaluation and treatment facility, to a  
18 person who is already awaiting transportation to an identified bed at  
19 another certified evaluation and treatment facility, or to a person  
20 whose condition has stabilized to the point where the person is ready  
21 for imminent discharge and remaining at the facility of the single

1 bed certification would serve the best interests of the person and  
2 facilitate continuity of care.

3 (3) A certified evaluation and treatment facility which refuses  
4 admission and services to a person under subsection (1) of this  
5 section when the facility has a bed available must document the  
6 reasons for refusal in a log which is available for inspection by the  
7 certification authority.

8 (4) Nothing in this section limits the right of a certified  
9 evaluation and treatment facility that has a bed available to provide  
10 admission and services to a person not included in subsection (1) of  
11 this section, or to refuse to provide admission and services to a  
12 person for reasons that are unrelated to the person's detention  
13 pursuant to a single bed certification.

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