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PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Key benefits:
- Builds additional fairness into the system, allowing persons with a final substantiated finding to return to the Medicaid long-term care workforce
- Ensures that people who would not contribute to the safety of vulnerable adults remain on the registry.
- Provides the opportunity for name removal from the ADS registry for some people with final substantiated findings.
- A person whose name is removed from the ADS registry may return to the Medicaid long-term care workforce.

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Title and/or subject matter of bill
Modifying chapter RCW 74.34 and RCW 74.39A to add language addressing the Aging and Long-Term Support Agin and Disability Services (ADS) Registry and name removal process from the registry. (Internal Review Team)

Why is this legislation necessary?
Adult Protective Services investigates allegations of vulnerable adult abuse, abandonment, neglect, self-neglect and financial exploitation and concludes a finding. Once due process is exhausted and the Department prevails, the perpetrator's name is placed on an abuse registry, precluding that person from working in the Medicaid long-term care system. Names on the registry are permanent with no provision for review.

What will the bill do?
The proposed legislation will create a process by which, after a period of time established by the department, with certain allegations of low severity of behavior/harm to the vulnerable adult, individuals whose name is on the registry will have their name removed from the registry or will have the ability to petition for name removal.

How much will this cost?
$323,000 ($226,000 GF-S)
1.5 FTE

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