

# ICSEW BILL ALERT

HB 1929

Supporting young adults  
following inpatient  
behavioral health treatment



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## Summary of bill and impact on Washington:

If enacted, this legislation would invest in ensuring that young people exiting the behavioral health treatment system would be provided with safe housing and appropriate support services.

A congressional-funded study found that young people (age 18-24yrs) exiting behavioral health inpatient treatment represented a large portion of those likely to become homeless in the ensuing twelve months.

- This legislation would establish interim housing on each side of the state (east and west of the Cascades) dedicated to providing a transitional healing environment
  - Properly trained staff and peers with behavioral health expertise would be available
  - Eligible individuals would be housed for up to 90 days while long-term housing is secured
- Flexible funding may also be provided to individuals to assist with transportation services, rental application fees or security deposits, and other functions that help meet immediate basic needs
- Additional contracts may be sought to provide community-based behavioral health supports, peer supports, and medication management

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