

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION SCR

By: Brown of the Senate

5 and

6 Sherrer of the House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution directing the state to  
11 transition certain facilities for persons with  
12 intellectual and developmental disabilities;  
13 directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, thirty-two thousand nine hundred nine (32,909)  
15 Americans with intellectual and developmental disabilities lived in  
16 one hundred sixty-two (162) large, state-operated facilities with  
17 sixteen (16) or more beds in forty-two (42) states as of June 30,  
18 2009; and

19 WHEREAS, persons with intellectual and developmental  
20 disabilities have a fundamental right to be given choice in services  
21 that provide respect and dignity; and

22 WHEREAS, persons with intellectual and developmental  
23 disabilities have the right to live in the least restrictive  
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1 environment consistent with the *Olmstead v. L.C and E.W.* decision  
2 (*Olmstead v. L.C. and E.W.*, 527 U.S. 581, 98-536); and

3 WHEREAS, individuals with intellectual and developmental  
4 disabilities living in integrated community settings are afforded an  
5 improved quality of life and a higher level of personal  
6 independence; and

7 WHEREAS, it is cost effective to move persons with intellectual  
8 and developmental disabilities from large, state-operated facilities  
9 to home- and community-based services; and

10 WHEREAS, average costs in 2009 totaled One Hundred Ninety-six  
11 Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$196,735.00) per person  
12 per year in state operated facilities, versus Forty-three Thousand  
13 Nine Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$43,969.00) per person per year in  
14 home- and community-based service waiver settings, a seventy-seven  
15 and seven tenths percent (77.7%) cost savings; and

16 WHEREAS, the federal government provides funding to assist in  
17 moving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities  
18 from state-operated facilities to home- and community-based  
19 services; and

20 WHEREAS, ten (10) states plus the District of Columbia have  
21 already closed their large state-operated facilities for Americans  
22 with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
2 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4           THAT the state take action to transition or right-size state-  
5 operated facilities for Americans with intellectual and  
6 developmental disabilities as appropriate to assure care in the  
7 least restrictive environment; and

8           THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor,  
9 the Director of the Department of Human Services, members of the  
10 Commission for Human Services, and members of Oklahoma's  
11 Congressional delegation.

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