STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION SCR29 By: Brown of the Senate

and

Sherrer of the House

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

WHEREAS, persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities have the right to live in the least restrictive

environment consistent with the Olmstead v. L.C and E.W. decision (Olmstead v. L.C. and E.W., 527 U.S. 581, 98-536); and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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