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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

KETEMA ROSS; DANIEL
GAUTIER; JESUS MARTINEZ; B.T.,
J.G., B.Y.; and DISABILITY RIGHTS
WASHINGTON, a nonprofit
membership organization for the
federally mandated Protection and
Advocacy Systems,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JAY INSLEE, in his official capacity
as Governor of the State of
Washington; KEVIN QUIGLEY, in his
official capacity as Secretary of
Washington Department of
Social and Health Services; and
WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND
HEALTH SERVICES,

Defendants.

NO: 2:14-CV-0130-TOR

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION
TO STAY CASE

1 BEFORE THE COURT is the parties' Joint Motion to Stay Case (ECF No.
2 49). The matter was submitted for consideration without oral argument. The
3 Court has reviewed the motion and the file herein and is fully informed.

4 “[T]he District Court has broad discretion to stay proceedings as an incident
5 to its power to control its own docket.” *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 683 (1997).
6 See also *Lockyer v. Mirant Corp.*, 398 F.3d 1098, 1111 (9th Cir. 2005) (“A trial
7 court may, with propriety, find it is efficient for its own docket and the fairest
8 course for the parties to enter a stay of an action before it, pending resolution of
9 independent proceedings which bear upon the case. This rule applies whether the
10 separate proceedings are judicial, administrative, or arbitral in character, and does
11 not require that the issues in such proceedings are necessarily controlling of the
12 action before the court.”) (quoting *Leyva v. Certified Grocers of California, Ltd.*,
13 593 F.2d 857, 863-64 (9th Cir. 1979)).

14 The parties seek a stay of the proceedings until December 31, 2015 to
15 continue to work toward settlement of this matter, which requires review and
16 coordination at multiple levels and in consideration of the legislative session. The
17 Court finds that a temporary stay is appropriate.

18 **ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

19 1. The parties' Joint Motion to Stay Proceedings (ECF No. 49) is

20 **GRANTED.** This matter is **STAYED** until December 31, 2015.

1 2. All deadlines set forth in the Court's Amended Bench Trial Scheduling
2 Order (ECF No. 15) are **VACATED**.

3 3. The parties shall file a joint status report no later than **December 31,**
4 **2015**, advising the Court how the parties intend to proceed in this matter.

5 The District Court Executive is hereby directed to enter this Order and
6 provide copies to counsel.

7 **DATED** April 1, 2015.



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United States District Judge