

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1906

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**As Reported By House Committee On:**  
Children & Family Services

**Title:** An act relating to child care licensing.

**Brief Description:** Changing child care licensing definitions.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Lambert and Cooke.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Children & Family Services: 2/23/95, 2/28/95 [DPS].

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Cooke, Chairman; Lambert, Vice Chairman; Stevens, Vice Chairman; Boldt; Buck; Carrell and Padden.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 4 members: Representatives Thibaudeau, Ranking Minority Member; Brown, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Patterson and Tokuda.

**Staff:** David Knutson (786-7146).

**Background:** Current child care licensing statutes exempt relatives from complying with licensing requirements. People who care for a neighbor's or friend's children on a regular basis are required to be licensed to provide child care.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** The definition of relatives is clarified to more specifically address the extended family members of an Indian child who are exempt from licensing. The relatives of non-Indian children who are exempt from licensing are described in greater detail. People who care for a neighbor's or friend's children on a regular basis are exempt from licensing.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** Intent language is added stating that parents should have greater flexibility in meeting their day care needs. Also, all people providing day care should pay all usual and customary taxes.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date of Substitute Bill:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** Encouraging unlicensed child care will put children at greater risk. Unlicensed day care providers will not have any liability insurance coverage.

**Testified:** Julie Nelson, Family Child Care Association (con); Jan Saylor (con); Kim Kelly (con); Stu Jacobson, King County Parents for Safe Day Care (con); and Karen Tvedt, Department of Social and Health Services (concerns).