

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2487

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Continuing adoption support payments.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Tokuda, Buck, Veloria, Carrell, Lambert, Mason, Romero, Honeyford, Dickerson, Murray, Boldt, Hymes, Chopp, Sheldon, Costa, Conway, Cooke and Kessler).

House Committee on Children & Family Services

House Committee on Appropriations

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections

Background: The Department of Social and Health Services provides adoption support through continuing payments or through lump-sum payments to families who adopt hard-to-place children. The secretary of the department is authorized to set the amount of a payment or the initial amount of continuing payments.

Summary: Continuing adoption support payments may be set at an amount sufficient to ensure timely adoptions of children in foster care. Adoption support payments made on or after July 1, 1996, will be set at a level designed to facilitate timely adoptions.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	48	0

Effective: June 6, 1996