

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SSB 5350

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As Passed Senate, January 19, 1996

**Title:** An act relating to counties' powers over family day-care providers.

**Brief Description:** Providing for counties' powers over family day-care providers.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Wojahn, Winsley, Haugen, McCaslin, Drew and Kohl).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations: 2/1/95, 2/7/95 [DPS]; 1/10/96 [DP].  
Passed Senate, 3/7/95, 45-4; 1/19/96, 38-6.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Goings, Hale, Heavey, McCaslin and Winsley.

**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Background:** In 1994, the Legislature prohibited cities from denying the use of a residential dwelling, located in an area zoned for residential or commercial use, as a family day-care provider's home facility (12 children or less). Counties may still deny this use of a residential dwelling.

The Department of Licensing certifies that a family day-care facility is providing a safe passenger-loading area.

**Summary of Bill:** Counties may not deny the use of a residential dwelling, located in an area zoned for residential or commercial use, as a family day-care provider's home facility.

Some of the conditions counties are allowed to place on these facilities are: compliance with building, safety, and health codes; building size, setbacks, and the like; certification of a safe loading area by the state Office of Child Care Policy Licensor; signage; and limitation of hours. However, nonstandard hours must be allowed.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** This just puts the same conditions on counties as were put on cities.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Julie Nelson, WA State Family Child Care Assn. (pro); Debby Hyde, Pierce County Planning (pro).