

6627-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Long, Franklin,
Prentice and Winsley)

Brief Description: Reforming the department of social and health
services.

SB 6627-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates in the department the classification of social
worker V.

Designates the qualifications and duties of the
classification.

Directs the Washington state institute for public policy to
conduct or contract for monitoring and tracking of this act to
determine whether these efforts result in a measurable reduction in
caseloads, increased capacities and efficiencies of caseworkers,
and improved resolution of cases. The institute shall report its
findings to the governor and legislature by December 1, 2003.

Revises the definitions of RCW 26.44.020.

Creates a family and children's services ombudsman within the
Governor's office.

Creates a legislative ombudsman committee.

Designates the qualifications and duties of the ombudsman.

Requires community networks to develop a strategic plan for
the decategorization of appropriate programs.

Requires the development of a plan for examining the structure
and delivery of services to families and children.

Requires an examination of DSHS by the University of
Washington.

Creates a legislative task force to examine the issues of drug
use as it relates to abuse of a child.

Makes appropriations to carry out the purposes of the act.