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HOUSE BILL 1668

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By Representatives McDonald, Kagi, Boldt, Tokuda, Dickerson and Santos

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1 AN ACT Relating to foster parents; creating new sections; making an  
2 appropriation; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that Washington  
5 state is experiencing a significant shortage of quality foster homes  
6 and that the majority of children entering the system are difficult to  
7 place due to their complex needs. The legislature intends to provide  
8 additional assistance to those families willing to serve as foster  
9 parents.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Foster parents are required to complete  
11 first aid/CPR and HIV/AIDS training to become licensed. The cost of  
12 this mandatory training is a financial barrier for some people who  
13 consider becoming a foster parent. The department of social and health  
14 services shall provide all new and current foster parents with first  
15 aid/CPR and HIV/AIDS training.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand  
17 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from

1 the general fund to the department of social and health services for  
2 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to carry out the purposes of  
3 section 2 of this act.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
7 July 1, 1999.

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