

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SHB 2070

As Amended by the Senate

Title: An act relating to financial responsibility for juvenile offenders.

Brief Description: Modifying financial responsibility for juvenile offenders.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Patterson, Leonard, Brough, Shin and Karahalios.)

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Human Services, March 18, 1993, DPS;
Appropriations, March 29, 1993, DPS(HS);
Passed House, April 17, 1993, 93-2;
Amended by Senate.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Leonard, Chair; Riley, Vice Chair; Cooke, Ranking Minority Member; Talcott, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brown; Karahalios; Padden; Patterson; and Thibaudeau.

Staff: David Knutson (786-7146).

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: The substitute bill by Committee on Human Services be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 26 members: Representatives Locke, Chair; Valle, Vice Chair; Silver, Ranking Minority Member; Carlson, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appelwick; Ballasiotes; Basich; Cooke; Dorn; Dunshee; G. Fisher; Jacobsen; Lemmon; Leonard; Linville; Morton; Peery; Rust; Sehlin; Sheahan; Sommers; Stevens; Talcott; Wang; Wineberry; and Wolfe.

Staff: Wayne Kawakami (786-7384).

Background: Parents of juvenile offenders committed to the Department of Social and Health Services are not financially responsible for the care and treatment of their children.

Summary of Bill: Parents of juvenile offenders committed to the Department of Social and Health Services are financially responsible for their children and will pay for their child's care based on their ability to pay. Parents who receive, or are eligible to receive, adoption support payments are not required to contribute to the cost of housing and serving their adopted child.

EFFECT OF SENATE AMENDMENT(S): The Senate amendment requires the court to order parents to pay for the cost of confining and treating their child in state juvenile rehabilitation facilities and allows the court to require parents to pay for the cost of confining and treating their child in county detention facilities.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: (Human Services) This legislation is necessary to implement the budget. It is appropriate for parents to contribute to the cost of serving their child.

(Appropriations) None.

Testimony Against: (Human Services) None.

(Appropriations) None.

Witnesses: (Human Services) Jerry Wasson and Diana English, Department of Social and Health Services.

(Appropriations) None.

VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Yeas 93; Nays 2; Excused 3

Nays: Representatives Cole G, Fuhrman

Excused: Representatives Leonard, Meyers, R, Mielke