

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2745

As Reported By House Committee On:
Human Services

Title: An act relating to information about domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

Brief Description: Providing for information about domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

Sponsors: Representatives L. Johnson, Wood, Long, Morris, Cooke, Caver, Flemming, Voloria, Mastin, Thibaudeau, Grant, Dyer, Forner, Dunshee, Van Luven, Wineberry, Brough, Shin, Pruitt, Karahalios, Springer, Tate and Anderson.

Brief History:

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Human Services, February 3, 1994, DP.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Leonard, Chair; Thibaudeau, Vice Chair; Cooke, Ranking Minority Member; Talcott, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brown; Caver; Karahalios; Lisk; Padden; Patterson and Wolfe.

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background: Cases of domestic violence, sexual assault, or child abuse often require several organizations to investigate, provide services, and ensure the safety of victims. It can be a difficult and traumatic experience for victims and their families if service response and delivery is not organized and coordinated.

Summary of Bill: Domestic violence shelters will provide information and referral services to victims and their families for appropriate services from other service providers. The Department of Social and Health Services will develop a system of coordinated data collection related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: The collection and sharing of information related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse should be improved.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Mary Pontarolo, Coalition Against Domestic Violence (pro); Donna DeLeno, Washington Coalition Against Domestic Violence (pro); and Pam Davenport, Secretary of State (pro).