

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2164

As Reported By House Committee On:
Human Services
Appropriations

Title: An act relating to residential habilitation centers.

Brief Description: Repealing the permanent establishment of residential habilitation centers.

Sponsors: Representatives Sommers, Ogden, H. Myers and Leonard; by request of Legislative Budget Committee.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Human Services, February 3, 1994, DPS;
Appropriations, February 5, 1994, DPS(HS).

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; Thibaudeau, Vice Chair; Cooke, Ranking Minority Member; Talcott, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brown; Caver; Karahalios; Patterson and Wolfe.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 2 members: Representatives Lisk and Padden.

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background: Six residential habilitation centers which provide services to people with developmental disabilities are permanently established in statute.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The section of the revised code of Washington which permanently establishes six residential habilitation centers is repealed.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The reference to Interlake School is deleted from RCW.71.20A.020. The remainder of the section is unchanged.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: The permanent establishment of six residential habilitation centers should not be repealed.

Witnesses: David Wood, Action For Residential Habilitation Centers (con); and Tom Dean, Friends of Rainier (con).

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 20 members: Representatives Sommers, Chair; Valle, Vice Chair; Carlson, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appelwick; Basich; Cooke; Dorn; Dunshee; G. Fisher; Foreman; Jacobsen; Lemmon; Linville; H. Myers; Peery; Rust; Sehlin; Stevens; Talcott and Wang.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 5 members: Representatives Silver, Ranking Minority Member; Ballasiotes; Sheahan; Wineberry and Wolfe.

Staff: John Woolley (786-7154).

Summary of Recommendation of Committee on Appropriations Compared to Recommendation of Committee on Human Services: No new changes were recommended.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: This bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: The bill is not supported.

Witnesses: Greg Devereux, Washington State Employees Association.