

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1204

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE, MARCH 23, 1993

**Brief Description:** Including certain juveniles who are the subject of proceedings under chapter 13.34 RCW in the definition of "at-risk juvenile sex offenders".

**SPONSORS:** Representatives Leonard, Cooke, Riley, Karahalios, Brough, Long, Horn and Wood; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators A. Smith, Chairman; Hargrove, McCaslin, Nelson, Niemi, Roach, and Spanel.

**Staff:** Alan Caplan (786-7465)

**Hearing Dates:** March 23, 1993

**BACKGROUND:**

The Community Protection Act of 1990 defines an at-risk juvenile sex offender as a juvenile in the care and custody of the state who (a) has been abused, and (b) either is sexually aggressive or has committed a violent act which is sexual in nature, or is immune to prosecution for a sex offense because the juvenile is under age 12 and incompetent to stand trial.

**SUMMARY:**

The definition of an at-risk juvenile sex offender is modified to include juveniles who are subject to a dependency proceeding under Chapter 13.34 RCW and who would otherwise qualify as at-risk juvenile sex offenders, except that they are living with their families.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

This bill will allow the Department of Social and Health Services to provide treatment to children at an earlier stage when it is more likely to have a positive effect. Also, it

will increase the flexibility of DSHS without increasing costs.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Representative Leonard, prime sponsor; Bonnie Jacques, Department of Social and Health Services (pro)