

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1395

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES,  
APRIL 1, 1993

**Brief Description:** Allowing counties to impose additional marriage license fees for funding family services.

**SPONSORS:** Representatives Scott, Long, G. Cole, Riley, Johanson, Leonard, Ogden, King and Locke

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Talmadge, Chairman; Wojahn, Vice Chairman; Deccio, Erwin, Franklin, Hargrove, McAuliffe, McDonald, Moyer, and Niemi.

**Staff:** Richard Rodger (786-7461)

**Hearing Dates:** April 1, 1993

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently the fees for processing applications for marriage licenses are established by law. The basic fee is \$8, plus an additional fee of \$5 for use and support for the prevention of child abuse and neglect activities, expiring June 30, 1995, plus an additional \$10 fee for the purposes of the Displaced Homemaker Act. Counties may also charge \$8 for funding the family court.

The counties have no authority to add an additional fee to a marriage license for the purpose of funding family services.

**SUMMARY:**

County legislative authorities may establish an additional fee for a marriage license, not exceeding \$15, to fund family services, such as family support centers.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

Counties should have the ability to raise additional revenue to find needed family support services. This bill would provide a secure financial base for the family service supporters. We need to involve the community in the funding of these services.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** PRO: Roseann Martinez, United Way of Snohomish County; Carolyn Eslick, Lorrie Milford, Sky Valley Com. Resource Center; Mary Ellen O'Keefe, Family Resource Coalition of WA; Robbie Rohr, Deaconess Children's Services