

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1778

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

Brief Description: Establishing the office of state employee child care.

SPONSORS: House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Wolfe, Brown, Talcott, Leonard, Johanson, Kessler, Appelwick, Romero, Pruitt, H. Myers, Edmondson, Linville, Veloria, Anderson, Reams, Rust, Miller, Wang and J. Kohl)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Talmadge, Chairman; Wojahn, Vice Chairman; Deccio, Franklin, Hargrove, McAuliffe, Moyer, Niemi, Prentice, Quigley, Sheldon, and Winsley.

Staff: Joanne Conrad (786-7472)

Hearing Dates: April 1, 1993

BACKGROUND:

Washington State has funded a child care demonstration project for state employees. The scope of the project has tended to increase over the past few years.

SUMMARY:

The state employee child care project is clarified as statewide, rather than limited to Olympia. Partnerships between agencies, employees, labor organizations and private employers are encouraged, in order to expand availability of care. Responsibility is given to the Department of Personnel to develop policy and establish rules. Department of Personnel and Department of Health representatives are added to the statutory Child Care Coordinating Committee.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR:

State employee on or near-site child care facilities need to be studied, and agencies need to recognize usable space.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: PRO: Rep. Wolfe (prime sponsor); Bev Hermanson,
Washington Federation of State Employees