

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 5351

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### As Passed House:

April 5, 1995

**Title:** An act relating to requirements of cities regarding certification of family day-care provider's home facilities.

**Brief Description:** Allowing cities to require family day-care provider's home facilities loading areas to be certified by the office of child care policy licenser.

**Sponsors:** Senators Wojahn, Winsley, Haugen, McCaslin and Drew.

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

Government Operations: 3/28/95, 3/29/95 [DP].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House: 4/5/95, 97-0.

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 15 members: Representatives Reams, Chairman; Goldsmith, Vice Chairman; L. Thomas, Vice Chairman; Rust, Ranking Minority Member; Scott, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chopp; R. Fisher; Hargrove; Honeyford; Hymes; Mulliken; D. Schmidt; Sommers; Van Luven and Wolfe.

**Staff:** Bill Lynch (786-7092).

**Background:** Cities and towns may not prohibit by zoning or some other official control the use of a residential dwelling located in an area zoned for residential or commercial use as a family day-care provider's home facility. A city or town may require that the family day-care facility meet certain health and safety requirements as well as other requirements. One of these requirements is that the Department of Licensing certify that the facility provide a safe passenger loading area.

**Summary of Bill:** The Office of Child Care Policy Licenser, rather than the Department of Licensing, is responsible for certifying that a family day-care provider's facility provides a safe passenger loading area.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** This is a technical bill. The Office of Child Care Policy Licensor is better suited to make the determination of safe drop-off zones for family day-cares than the Department of Licensing.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Senator Lorraine Wojahn, prime sponsor; and Julie Nelson, WA State Family Child Care Association.