

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1545

As Reported By House Committee On:

Law & Justice

Title: An act relating to funding for domestic violence shelters.

Brief Description: Regulating funding for domestic violence shelters.

Sponsors: Representatives Sheahan, Costa, Tokuda, Cooper, Blalock, Keiser, Kenney, Conway, Lantz, Cole, Wolfe, O'Brien, Mason, Wood and Scott.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Law & Justice: 2/27/97, 3/5/97 [DP].

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Sheahan, Chairman; McDonald, Vice Chairman; Sterk, Vice Chairman; Costa, Ranking Minority Member; Constantine, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Carrell; Cody; Kenney; Lambert; Lantz; Radcliff; Sherstad and Skinner.

Staff: Bill Perry (786-7123).

Background: The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) administers funding for domestic violence shelters. The grant money that the DSHS provides for these shelters may come from a variety of sources, including appropriated state money and federal money. One of the grant requirements for the DSHS administered funding is a 50 percent local match.

The 50 percent local match may be from either a public or private source and may consist of money or in-kind contributions.

Summary of Bill: The 50 percent local match requirement for domestic violence shelter grants is eliminated.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: The original purpose for the match requirement was to generate local support. That support has been demonstrated. Now the requirement is actually jeopardizing some funding.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Mary Pontarolo, Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (pro).