

FINAL BILL REPORT

2SHB 1432

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying the adoption support reconsideration program.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cooke, Tokuda, Kastama and Dickerson; by request of Department of Social and Health Services).

House Committee on Children & Family Services

House Committee on Appropriations

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections

Background: The Department of Social and Health Services provides post-adoption support through the adoption reconsideration program to individuals who adopt children. The program provides medical and counseling services for adopted children who lived in foster care and had a physical or mental handicap at the time of their adoption.

Summary: The adoption reconsideration program is expanded to cover children in pre-adoption placements funded by the Department of Social and Health Services and adopted children who are at high risk of future physical or mental handicap or emotional disturbance as a result of conditions to which they were exposed prior to the adoption.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 94 0

Senate 44 0

Effective: July 27, 1997