

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 1432

Title: *An act relating to modification of the adoption support reconsideration program.*

Brief Description: *Modifying the adoption support reconsideration program.*

Sponsors: *Representatives Cooke, Tokuda, Kastama and Dickerson; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.*

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Meeting Date: *February 6, 1997.*

Bill Analysis Prepared by: *David Knutson (786-7146).*

Background: *The Department of Social and Health Services provides post-adoption support to individuals who adopt children, through the adoption reconsideration program. 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 of Bill: *The adoption reconsideration program will also cover adopted children who were at high risk of future physical or mental handicap or emotional disturbance as a result of prior exposure.*

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Not requested.*

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