

# **HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS**

## **HB 1901**

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**Title:** *An act relating to providing vouchers for pregnant minors.*

**Brief Description:** *Providing vouchers to assist pregnant minors living in adult-supervised homes.*

**Sponsors:** *Representatives Mastin, Cooke, Kessler, Boldt, Tokuda, Quall, McDonald, Sherstad, Parlette, Cooper, McMorris, Dyer, Chandler, Backlund, Blalock, Kastama, Sullivan, Mulliken, Linville and O'Brien.*

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### **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES**

**Meeting Date:** *February 25, 1997.*

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

**Background:** *Pregnant and parenting teenagers are required to live with their parent, adult relative, legal guardian, or in an approved setting in order to receive a grant under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. If a pregnant or parenting teen needs to live in an approved setting outside the parental or relative's home, the department would reimburse the foster or group home provider directly.*

**Summary of Bill:** *The Department of Social and Health Services will provide a one-time voucher that pregnant unemancipated minors can redeem at state-approved adult-supervised supportive living arrangements.*

**Appropriation:** *None.*

**Fiscal Note:** *Requested on February 17, 1997.*

**Effective Date:** *Immediately.*