

2 **SHB 1619** - S COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Ways & Means

4 ADOPTED 4/14/99

5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that Washington
8 state is experiencing a significant shortage of quality foster homes
9 and that the majority of children entering the system are difficult to
10 place due to their complex needs. The legislature intends to provide
11 additional assistance to those families willing to serve as foster
12 parents.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 Within available funds and subject to such conditions and
16 limitations as may be established by the department or by the
17 legislature in the omnibus appropriations act, the department of social
18 and health services shall reimburse foster parents for property damaged
19 or destroyed by foster children placed in their care. The department
20 shall establish by rule a maximum amount that may be reimbursed for
21 each occurrence. The department shall reimburse the foster parent for
22 the replacement value of any property covered by this section. If the
23 damaged or destroyed property is covered and reimbursed under an
24 insurance policy, the department shall reimburse foster parents for the
25 amount of the deductible associated with the insurance claim, up to the
26 limit per occurrence as established by the department.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
28 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
29 June 30, 1999, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
30 void.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
32 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
2 July 1, 1999."

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