

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1922

---

---

**As Reported By House Committee On:**  
Children & Family Services

**Title:** An act relating to tax credits for employer-provided child care benefits.

**Brief Description:** Allowing tax credits for employer-provided child care.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Eickmeyer, Tokuda, D. Sommers, Dickerson, Rockefeller, Stensen, Wolfe, Lovick, Conway, Ogden, Lantz, McIntire, Santos, Kenney, Kessler, Edmonds and Morris.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Children & Family Services: 2/22/99, 2/25/99 [DP].

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Small businesses operating in a distressed area are eligible to receive a tax credit for child care assistance they provide to their employees.</li></ul>
---



---

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives D. Sommers, Republican Co-Chair; Tokuda, Democratic Co-Chair; Boldt, Republican Vice Chair; Kagi, Democratic Vice Chair; Campbell; Carrell; Dickerson; Eickmeyer; Kastama and Pflug.

**Staff:** David Knutson (786-7146).

**Background:**

High quality child care services are not readily available for working parents. Employers who attempt to support high quality child care for their employees do not currently receive a tax credit for this purpose.

---

**Summary of Bill:**

Small businesses operating in distressed areas are eligible to receive a tax credit equal to 100 percent of the state-approved, employer provided child care benefit to the employee. The total value of the credit for all small businesses cannot exceed \$2 million per biennium. The Department of Social and Health Services must provide prior approval of the proposed child care credit.

---

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** Small business need encouragement to provide child care assistance for their employees.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** (In support) Jean Sloan, Child Care Action Council; and Lonnie Johns-Brown, Washington Association for the Education of Young Children;