

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 5015

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

**Title:** An act relating to technical, clarifying, nonsubstantive amendments to community mental health services.

**Brief Description:** Changing provisions relating to community mental health services.

**Sponsors:** Senators Long, Hargrove, Winsley and Costa.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Children & Family Services: 3/24/99, 3/31/99 [DP].

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Obsolete references and dated terms and definitions, related to community mental health services, are deleted.

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### 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:**

When community mental health service delivery was changed in 1989, the statutes provided a transitional period between the old service system and the new system organized around regional support networks. Terms defined in the community mental health statute contained two definitions: one definition for use during a specified transition time period, and another definition for use at a specified date in the future.

**Summary of Bill:**

Technical changes are made to the Community Mental Health Services Act to correct obsolete provisions. Dated terms and definitions are deleted. Cross references are corrected. Some substantive provisions, previously contained in a definition, were removed and added as new sections.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** None.