

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 1571

Title: An act relating to child care access; adding a new section to chapter 74.08A RCW; and creating a new section.

Brief Description: Providing child care payments to persons complying with P.L. 104-193 and the Washington WorkFirst program.

Sponsors: Representatives Tokuda, Boldt, Kagi, Gombosky, Conway, Murray, Ogden, Rockefeller, Kenney, Dickerson, Veloria, O'Brien, Santos, Haigh, Kessler, Stensen, Wood and Poulsen.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Meeting Date: February 10, 1999.

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Background: The Department of Social and Health Services provides child care on a sliding scale to recipients and former recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families when they are engaged in work and work-related activities. Child care is not available if they are also attending a state technical or community college.

Summary of Bill: Recipients of TANF who are meeting program work activity requirements and are attending a state community or technical college are eligible to receive child care benefits.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 2, 1999.

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