

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1619

PARTIAL VETO

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Changing the liability insurance of foster parents.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Children & Family Services (Originally sponsored by Representatives McDonald, Kagi, Boldt, Lovick, Tokuda, Wood, Clements, Carrell, D. Schmidt, Linville, Dickerson, O'Brien, Mielke, Kenney and Haigh).

House Committee on Children & Family Services

House Committee on Appropriations

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background:

The Department of Social and Health Services provides liability insurance to licensed foster parents. The coverage includes injury and property damage claims filed against foster parents. The total amount that may be expended is \$500,000 per biennium.

Summary:

The Department of Social and Health Services must reimburse foster parents for damage caused by foster children. The department must reimburse foster parents for the replacement value of the item damaged or destroyed. The reimbursement of damaged property at replacement value is limited to a maximum payment to be established by the department. If the value of damaged property is reimbursed through an insurance policy, the department must reimburse foster parents for the deductible associated with the claim.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 94 0

Senate 48 0 (Senate Amended)

House 96 0 (House Concurred)

Effective: July 25, 1999

Partial Veto Summary: The Governor vetoed the July 1, 1999 effective date.