

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 1936

Title: *An act relating to employability screens for recipients of temporary assistance for needy families; and adding a new section to chapter 74.08A RCW.*

Brief Description: *Requiring employability screening for recipients of temporary assistance for needy families.*

Sponsors: *Representatives Tokuda, Boldt, D. Sommers and Santos.*

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Meeting Date: *February 22, 1999.*

Bill Analysis Prepared by: *Dave Knutson (786-7146).*

Background: Currently, all recipients of temporary assistance for needy families are required to engage in an immediate job search after being determined eligible for the program. If they are unsuccessful at a job search, they are assessed to identify their barriers to employment.

Summary of Bill: All recipients approved to receive temporary assistance for needy families will be subject to an employability screen prior to engaging in a job search. If the screen determines the recipient is unemployable, they will skip the job search and be immediately screened to identify their specific barriers to employment.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: None.

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