

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5084

As Passed Senate, January 14, 2000

Title: An act relating to modifying the procedure for determining the administrative costs allowed for the community public health and safety networks.

Brief Description: Modifying the procedure for determining the administrative costs allowed for the community public health and safety networks.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove and Long.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 1/21/99, 2/2/99 [DP].
Passed Senate, 2/26/99, 48-0; 1/14/00, 44-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Costa, Vice Chair; Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Long, Patterson, Sheahan and Stevens.

Staff: Lynn Hale (786-7430)

Background: It has been suggested that limits on administrative costs under current law may not provide sufficient funds to adequately cover the administrative costs associated with operating a small community public health and safety network. Community public health and safety networks are authorized by the Legislature to reconnect parents and other citizens with children, youth, families, and community institutions which support health and safety.

Summary of Bill: The procedure for determining the administrative costs allowed for community public health and safety networks is modified. The network must ensure that administrative costs are kept at 10 percent or \$20,000 per biennium, whichever is greater.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: The current definition of administrative costs creates a significant reporting burden on the smaller community public health and safety networks. Networks with very small allotments of public funds have difficulty maintaining fiscal accountability and staying within the 10 percent administrative expense cap. The proposed changes will result in a good balance between the goals of accountability and flexibility.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Laura Porter, Staff Director, Family Policy Council; Jean Hueston, South King County Community Network; Helen Myrick, Greater Pierce County Community Network; Daniel Erker, Tacoma Urban Network.