

5749-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Senators Long, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles,
Winsley, Oke and Stevens)

Brief Title: Establishing a team to create state-wide protocols for
interviews relating to investigations of allegations of child
abuse.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to create an interdisciplinary team, under
the direction of the Washington state institute for public policy,
to review the techniques of interviews conducted of children and
adults during allegations of child abuse and to create state-wide
protocols for conducting such interviews. The legislature intends
to improve the training and resources available to individuals who
conduct interviews and to increase the accuracy of risk assessments
and determinations of fact associated with interviews.

Directs the Washington state institute for public policy to
report once every two years to the legislature and governor on the
effectiveness of the protocols developed under this act, their
implementation, and changes that have been made in the protocols
since the previous report.