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**Children & Family Services  
Committee**

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**SB 6482**

**Brief Description:** Removing time limits for treatment under the alcohol and drug addiction treatment and support act.

**Sponsors:** Senators Long, Hargrove, Winsley, Haugen, Stevens, Deccio and Rasmussen.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Removes the six month limitation on alcohol and drug treatment services for indigent persons.

**Hearing Date:**

**Staff:** Deborah Frazier (786-7152).

**Background:**

The Legislature enacted the Alcohol and Drug Treatment and Support Act (ADATSA) in 1987, which requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to provide, within available funds, alcohol and drug treatment services to eligible persons. Eligibility is contingent upon indigence, an inability to maintain gainful employment and the capacity to benefit from treatment.

ADATSA services include intensive inpatient treatment, recovery house treatment, outpatient treatment and counseling, medical coverage and a living allowance. Services are limited to six months in any two year period; however, the department may grant exceptions.

**Summary of Bill:**

The six month limitation on alcohol and drug treatment services for indigent persons is removed.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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