

1249-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Boldt, Ballasiotes, Tokuda, Dickerson, Gombosky, Darneille, Morell, Anderson, Schual-Berke, Esser, McIntire, Doumit, Kenney, Clements, Edwards, Fromhold, Miloscia, Barlean, Talcott, Ruderman, Conway, Kessler, Ogden, Lovick, D. Schmidt, O'Brien, Edmonds, Wood and Haigh)

Brief Description: Regarding the quality of foster care services.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Declares that children in foster care deserve to be in homes that meet high quality standards that are assured through accountability.

Declares an intent that children in foster care are supported in homes that meet their needs, and that foster parents are supported.

Recognizes that children and youth entering foster care have more complex needs than in the past. New service models are needed to address these needs. The department is instructed to explore proven and effective foster care projects nationwide.

Requires the department to report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2001, on models that most effectively serve the children in the state's foster care system.

Declares that nothing in this act shall be construed to create a private right of action or claim on the part of any individual or entity.