

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1694

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### As Passed House:

March 10, 2003

**Title:** An act relating to the timing of the inspection of boarding homes.

**Brief Description:** Requiring the department of social and health services to inspect boarding homes at least every eighteen months.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Morrell, Campbell, Cody, Skinner, Clibborn and Dickerson; by request of Department of Social and Health Services).

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

Health Care: 2/12/03, 2/20/03 [DPS].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/10/03, 95-0.

### Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Changes the inspection cycle for boarding homes from annually to at least every 18 months, with a 12-month average.

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Morrell, Vice Chair; Pflug, Ranking Minority Member; Bailey, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Benson, Campbell, Clibborn, Darneille, Edwards, Moeller, Schual-Berke and Skinner.

**Staff:** Dave Knutson (786-7146).

### Background:

Boarding homes are currently inspected by the Department of Social and Health Services (Department ) at least annually. The Department also inspects adult family homes. The inspection cycle for adult family homes is at least every 18 months.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not Requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** Lengthening the inspection cycle will give Department staff greater flexibility in deciding when to inspect boarding homes.

**Testimony Against:** Eighteen months is too long to go between inspections.

**Testified:** (In support) Pat Lashway, Department of Social and Health Services.

(Opposed) Kary Hyre, Long-term Care Ombudsman.