

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5532

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Children & Family Services & Corrections, February 11, 2003

**Title:** An act relating to international matchmaking organizations.

**Brief Description:** Requiring additional personal history information from customers of international matchmaking organizations.

**Sponsors:** Senators Kohl-Welles, Benton, Fraser, Prentice, Carlson, Keiser, Winsley and Schmidt.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Children & Family Services & Corrections: 2/11/03 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

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**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Stevens, Chair; Parlette, Vice Chair; Carlson, Hargrove, McAuliffe and Regala.

**Staff:** Tony Rugel (786-7754)

**Background:** International matchmaking organizations doing business in Washington State are required to conspicuously notify individuals in foreign countries that they may receive background and marital information on a Washington State resident using the matchmaking service.

**Summary of Bill:** The information requested by a person in a foreign country is expanded to personal information and not just marital information. This includes previous marriages, annulments, and dissolutions; founded allegations of child abuse or neglect; and any existing no contact or antiharassment protection orders.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** Anecdotal cases in support of bill.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** PRO: Liz Swope, Salvation Army; Pam Crone, NW Women's Law Center; Jenny Wieland, Families and Friends of Crime Victims.