

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SJM 8044

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Children & Family Services & Corrections, February 3, 2004

**Brief Description:** Requesting congress to pass a federal 211 act.

**Sponsors:** Senators Carlson and Brown.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Children & Family Services & Corrections: 2/3/04 [DP].

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

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

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

**Staff:** Edith Rice (786-7444)

**Background:** During the 2003 legislative session, the Senate Children and Family Services and Corrections Committee heard testimony on a bill to establish a 2-1-1 telephone service in Washington State. The companion House bill was enacted into law, supporting the establishment of a comprehensive statewide information and referral network for human services and disaster related information.

**Summary of Bill:** The Senate and the House of Representatives request that the Congress of the United States immediately pass the federal Calling for 2-1-1 Act of 2003, HR3111 and SB 1630. This act recognizes the value of an easy to use telephone number to access critical community services and outlines funding through a federal grant process.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Testimony For:** Quick easy access to social service information benefits those in urban communities as well as rural communities. Significant funding will come from philanthropic sources.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Senator Don Carlson, prime sponsor, Tom Page, Executive Director, WIN 211.