

2360-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Kenney, Wood, Santos, Hunt, Dickerson, Schual-Berke, Haigh, McDermott, Morrell, Darneille, Flannigan and Hudgins)

Brief Description: Establishing a wage ladder for child care workers. Revised for 1st Substitute: Establishing a child care career and wage ladder.

HB 2360-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to increase wages to child care workers through establishing a child care career and wage ladder that provides increased wages for child care workers based on their work experience, level of responsibility, and education.

Requires this child care career and wage ladder to mirror the successful child care career and wage ladder pilot project operated by the state between 2000 and 2003.

Declares, while it is the intent of the legislature to establish the vision of a statewide child care career and wage ladder that will enhance employment quality and stability for child care workers, the legislature also recognizes that funding allocations will determine the extent of statewide implementation of a child care career and wage ladder.

Appropriates the sum of two million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the general fund to the department of social and health services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, to carry out the purposes of this act.