

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6181

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Ways & Means, April 18, 2009

Title: An act relating to the intensive resource home pilot.

Brief Description: Concerning the intensive resource home pilot.

Sponsors: Senators Tom, Prentice and Fairley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 4/18/09 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Tom, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Carrell, Fairley, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, Murray, Parlette, Pridemore, Regala, Rockefeller and Schoesler.

Staff: Michael Bezanson (786-7449)

Background: In 2008 the Legislature created the intensive resource home pilot project. The pilot project required the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to select two or more geographic areas for implementing an intensive resource foster home pilot program (program). The program was aimed at areas where high concentrations of children with significant needs are in foster care; areas of appropriate size that will allow for an analysis of the impact of the program on the continuum of out-of-home care providers; and to determine the number of children to be served. Implementation of the initial sites was to be undertaken with the goal of eventual expansion of the program statewide.

The pilot project was suspended in December 2008 after contractual delays in implementing the pilot project.

Summary of Bill: The pilot project remains suspended until the Legislature provides specific funds for its implementation. The bill also eliminates reporting requirements related to the pilot project.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No One.