

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1172

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Human Services & Corrections, March 26, 2013

**Title:** An act relating to children of family day care providers.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the children of family day care providers.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Hurst and Dahlquist).

**Brief History:** Passed House: 3/06/13, 97-0.

**Committee Activity:** Human Services & Corrections: 3/19/13, 3/26/13 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Pearson, Vice Chair; Darneille, Ranking Member; Baumgartner, Hargrove, Harper and Padden.

**Staff:** Kevin Black (786-7747)

**Background:** The Department of Early Learning (DEL) establishes staff-to-child ratios for family day care providers by rule which determine the maximum number of children that can be served by the providers. The ratios vary by the experience of the provider and the ages of the children in care. Children of family day care providers under the age of 13 who are present in the home during hours when child care is provided must be counted for the purposes of capacity regulations establishing staff-to-child ratios, but are not subject to other rules providing supervision requirements for child care licensing.

**Summary of Bill:** Children of family day care providers who are 12 years old or older and present in the home when child care is provided must not be counted in the staff-to-child ratio required for family day care providers. Such children are not subject to the supervision requirements for child care licensing.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This is a simple common sense bill that does not cost anything. A mother of a 12-year-old girl called me and said her daughter was not allowed to leave the house and babysit during the hours of operation of her family day care business due to DEL regulations. We should help this precocious young girl.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Representative Hurst, prime sponsor.