

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5235

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying the requirements for purchase of care for Indian children.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove and Carrell; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
House Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs

Background: The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) has authority to purchase care for Indian children who are in the custody of a federally recognized tribe or tribally licensed child-placing agency.

By December 1, 2013, the Children's Administration within DSHS must provide child welfare services and support through network administrators, rather than through contracts with individual service providers. The services provided under the network administrator model must be pursuant to performance-based contracts.

In discussing implementation of the network administrator or performance based contracting model with the tribal child welfare systems of Washington's federally recognized tribes, it became evident that the network administrator contracting model does not always fit within tribal practices and tribal culturally-based services, or within the existing government-to-government agreements.

Summary: The purchase of care or services on behalf of an Indian child who is in the custody of a federally recognized tribe or child-placing agency licensed by a tribe is exempt from the requirement that the care or services be obtained through a network administrator by virtue of a performance-based contract.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0
House	81	16

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December 1, 2013 (Section 2)

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