

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1501

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Authorizing additional counseling services for immediate family members of homicide victims.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry (originally sponsored by Representatives Steele, Caldier, Santos, Leavitt, Schmidt, Eslick, Orwall, Reeves and Graham).

**House Committee on Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry**  
**Senate Committee on Human Services**

### **Background:**

The Crime Victims Compensation Program (CVCP) is administered by the Department of Labor and Industries to provide benefits to victims of criminal acts. For example, the CVCP provides appropriate counseling services to the immediate family members of a homicide victim. The counseling services are limited to 12 sessions after the victim's claim has been allowed.

### **Summary:**

The Crime Victims Compensation Program may provide more than 12 counseling sessions to the immediate family members of a homicide victim if a licensed mental health provider determines that:

- additional sessions are needed as a direct result of the near-term consequences of the related effects of the homicide; and
- the recipient of the services would benefit from additional sessions.

### **Votes on Final Passage:**

House	97	0
Senate	49	0

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**Effective:** July 23, 2023