

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5853

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As of January 10, 2024

**Title:** An act relating to extending the crisis relief center model to provide behavioral health crisis services for minors.

**Brief Description:** Extending the crisis relief center model to provide behavioral health crisis services for minors.

**Sponsors:** Senators Dhingra, Wagoner, Frame, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Lovelett, Lovick, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Shewmake, Stanford, Torres, Valdez and Wilson, C..

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Health & Long Term Care: 1/11/24.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Allows 23-hour Crisis Relief Centers to serve minors, but not in the same facility as adults.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE

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

**Background:** A 23-hour Crisis Relief Center (CRC) is a community-based behavioral health facility serving adults which offers access to mental health and substance use care for no more than 23 hours and 59 minutes at a time per patient. A CRC must be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and accept behavioral health crisis walk-ins, drop-offs from first responders, and individuals referred through the 988 system, regardless of behavioral health acuity, and without requiring medical clearance.

23-hour CRCs were enacted into law in 2023 through 2SSB 5120. The Department of Health expects to finalize rulemaking for CRCs and start accepting license applications in May 2024.

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**Summary of Bill:** A CRC may serve minors, but may not serve adults and minors in the same facility.

A peace officer may take a minor to a CRC when the officer has reasonable cause to believe the minor is suffering from a mental disorder and presents an imminent likelihood of serious harm or is gravely disabled.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 9, 2024.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

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