

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SHB 1906

As Passed House:

March 13, 1995

Title: An act relating to child care licensing.

Brief Description: Changing child care licensing definitions.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Lambert and Cooke).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Children & Family Services: 2/23/95, 2/28/95 [DPS].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/13/95, 64-32.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Cooke, Chairman; Lambert, Vice Chairman; Stevens, Vice Chairman; Boldt; Buck; Carrell and Padden.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 4 members: Representatives Thibaudeau, Ranking Minority Member; Brown, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Patterson and Tokuda.

Staff: David Knutson (786-7146).

Background: Current child care licensing statutes exempt relatives from complying with licensing requirements. People who care for a neighbor's or friend's children on a regular basis are required to be licensed to provide child care.

Summary of Bill: The definition of relatives is clarified to more specifically address the extended family members of an Indian child who are exempt from licensing. The relatives of non-Indian children who are exempt from licensing are described in greater detail. People who care for a neighbor's or friend's children on a regular basis are exempt from licensing.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: Encouraging unlicensed child care will put children at greater risk. Unlicensed day care providers will not have any liability insurance coverage.

Testified: Julie Nelson, Family Child Care Association (con); Jan Saylor (con); Kim Kelly (con); Stu Jacobson, King County Parents for Safe Day Care (con); and Karen Tvedt, Department of Social and Health Services (concerns).