

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5029

As Reported By House Committee On:

Children & Family Services

Title: An act relating to the children's services advisory committee.

Brief Description: Modifying membership and duties of children's services advisory committee.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove, Fraser and Winsley; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Children & Family Services: 3/16/95, 3/30/95 [DPA].

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Cooke, Chairman; Lambert, Vice Chairman; Stevens, Vice Chairman; Thibaudeau, Ranking Minority Member; Brown, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Boldt; Buck; Carrell and Tokuda.

Staff: David Knutson (786-7146).

Background: The Children's Services Advisory Committee is one of several advisory committees which provide advice to the Department of Social and Health Services on the programs and services it provides. The Children's Services Advisory Committee is responsible for developing a partnership plan for public and private child welfare services, and advising the department on child welfare, day care, child care agency licensing, adoption, and related services. One third of the advisory committee members must be child care providers, and one member must represent the adoption community.

Summary of Amended Bill: Day care is removed as a subject under the jurisdiction of the Children's Services Advisory Committee. The requirement that one third of committee members be child care providers is deleted.

Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill: One member of the advisory committee will continue to represent the adoption community.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: The statutory requirement that one committee member represent the adoption community should be retained.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Margaret Casey, Washington State Catholic Conference (concern); and Rosie Oreskovich, Department of Social and Health Services.