

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 1810

Title: *An act relating to technical amendments concerning the child abuse protection and treatment act; amending RCW 74.13.500; and declaring an emergency.*

Brief Description: *Amending the child abuse protection and treatment act.*

Sponsors: *Representatives Boldt and Tokuda; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.*

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Meeting Date: *February 17, 1999.*

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Background: The Department of Social and Health Services is required to disclose information regarding the abuse or neglect of a child, the investigation of the abuse or neglect and any services related to the abuse or neglect under certain circumstances.

Summary of Bill: The Department will also disclose the required information in cases where the child is the subject of a near fatality.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: None.

Effective Date: *The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.*