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**Early Learning & Children's  
Services Committee**

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**HB 2761**

**Brief Description:** Renaming the children's trust of Washington as the council for children and families.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Schual-Berke, Kagi, Walsh, Pettigrew, Haler and Kenney; by request of Children's Trust of Washington.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Renames the Children's Trust of Washington as the Council for Children and Families.

**Hearing Date:** 1/24/08

**Staff:** Brian Considine (786-7290).

**Background:**

The Legislature established the Washington Council on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (WCPCAN) in 1982. The WCPCAN is comprised of 15 members who are charged with contracting with organizations or individuals for the establishment of programs designed to reduce the occurrence of child abuse and neglect, including those promoting good parenting skills. The WCPCAN is funded by the State's General Fund, the federal Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Program Grant, the Children's Trust Fund, and private donations.

Members include designees of the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Secretary of the Department of Health, as well as other persons selected for their interest and expertise in the prevention of child abuse. Four legislative members serve as ex officio members of the Council.

In 2007 SSB 5830 renamed the WCPCAN as the Children's Trust of Washington. The name change caused complications with the Children's Trust Fund, which it administers, and the council made the decision to go through a re-branding process. After research, consultation from

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Pyramid Communications, and gathering stakeholder input, the Council has decided to rename itself The Council for Children and Families.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Children's Trust of Washington is renamed the Council for Children and Families. All sections in the Revised Code of Washington are amended to reflect this change.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.