

2 **SB 6739** - H COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Government Reform & Land Use

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to  
8 ensure agencies assess the impact of proposed rules on family well-  
9 being and to improve the management of executive branch agencies.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12 For purposes of sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 of this act, the term  
13 "family" means:

14 (1) A group of individuals related by blood, marriage, or adoption  
15 who live together as a single household; and

16 (2) Any individual who is not a member of such group, but who is  
17 related by blood, marriage, or adoption to a member of such group, and  
18 over half of whose support in a calendar year is received from such  
19 group.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
21 to read as follows:

22 Upon request by a member of the legislature, an agency shall  
23 prepare an assessment of the impact of a proposed rule on the families  
24 of the state of Washington and include the assessment as an attachment  
25 to the notice of a proposed rule under RCW 34.05.320. The agency head  
26 shall be guided by the policies stated in RCW 74.14A.020 and 74.14A.025  
27 and the criteria in section 4 of this act when preparing the assessment  
28 required by this section.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
30 to read as follows:

31 An agency preparing an assessment under section 3 of this act shall  
32 determine the following:

1 (1) Does the proposed rule strengthen or erode the stability of the  
2 family and, particularly, the marital commitment;

3 (2) Does the proposed rule strengthen or erode the authority and  
4 rights of parents in the education, nurture, and supervision of their  
5 children;

6 (3) Does the proposed rule help the family perform its functions,  
7 or substitute governmental activity for the function;

8 (4) Does the proposed rule increase or decrease disposable family  
9 income;

10 (5) Do the proposed benefits of the rule justify the financial  
11 impact on the family;

12 (6) Would the policy being pursued in the proposed rule be better  
13 implemented by local government or by the family; and

14 (7) Does the proposed rule establish an implicit or explicit policy  
15 concerning the status of the family, the relationship between the  
16 behavior and personal responsibility of youth, and the norms of  
17 society.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
19 to read as follows:

20 If requested by a member of the legislature to assess the impact of  
21 a proposed rule on the families of the state of Washington under  
22 section 3 of this act, the agency head shall:

23 (1) Submit a written certification to the director of financial  
24 management that the proposed rule has been assessed in accordance with  
25 this act;

26 (2) Provide an adequate rationale for implementation of any aspect  
27 of the rule that may negatively affect family well-being; and

28 (3) Attach a copy of the information described in subsections (1)  
29 and (2) of this section to the notice of the proposed rule issued under  
30 RCW 34.05.320.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect January 1, 1999."

32 Correct the title.

33 EFFECT: Limits assessments to state agency rules, and only upon  
34 request of a legislator. Provides a definition of "family." Specifies

1 criteria for assessing impact on families, and deletes requirement for  
2 the Family Policy Council to develop guidelines.

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