

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1936

As Passed House:

March 9, 1999

Title: An act relating to employability screens for recipients of temporary assistance for needy families.

Brief Description: Requiring employability screening for recipients of temporary assistance for needy families.

Sponsors: Representatives Tokuda, Boldt, D. Sommers and Santos.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Children & Family Services: 2/22/99, 2/25/99 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/9/99, 91-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Recipients of temporary assistance for needy families will undergo an employability screen to determine whether they should engage in a job search or be immediately assessed for barriers to employment.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives D. Sommers, Republican Co-Chair; Tokuda, Democratic Co-Chair; Boldt, Republican Vice Chair; Kagi, Democratic Vice Chair; Campbell; Carrell; Dickerson; Eickmeyer; Kastama and Pflug.

Staff: David Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

Currently, all recipients of temporary assistance for needy families are required to engage in an immediate job search after being determined eligible for the program. If

they are unsuccessful at a job search, they are assessed to identify their barriers to employment.

Summary of Bill:

All recipients approved to receive temporary assistance for needy families will be subject to an employability screen prior to engaging in a job search. If the screen determines the recipient is unemployable, they will skip the job search and be immediately screened to identify their specific barriers to employment.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: Some recipients of temporary assistance for needy families have obvious barriers to employment. They should not be required to go through a job search if they have a clear barrier to employment.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: (In support) Laurie Lippold, Children's Home Society.