HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS HB 1349

Title: An act relating to extending court supervision of children subject tot youth-atrisk orders; and amending RCW 13.32A.198.

Brief Description: Extending court supervision of children subject to youth-at-risk orders..

Sponsors: Representatives Carrell, Eickmeyer, Wolf, Kastama, Lambert and Esser.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Meeting Date: February 3, 1999.

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Background: The Family Reconciliation Act provides a process for a parent to request court intervention for an at risk youth. After making a disposition the court is required to schedule a review hearing within three months.

At the review hearing, the court determines whether court supervision shall continue. The court supervision cannot continue beyond 180 days unless the court finds and the parent agrees that there are compelling circumstances. If those circumstances exist, the court may extend supervision up to 90 days.

Summary of Bill: The court may continue court supervision up to 270 days past the initial review hearing. At the end of the extension the court must hold a second review hearing. At that hearing, a parent may request a one year extension of the court supervision.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 26, 1999.

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