

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1811

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### As Passed Legislature

**Title:** An act relating to supported employment.

**Brief Description:** Revising provisions relating to supported employment for persons with severe disabilities.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Children & Family Services (Originally sponsored by Representatives Tokuda, Boldt, D. Sommers, Kenney and Ogden; by request of Department of Social and Health Services).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Children & Family Services: 2/17/99, 2/24/99 [DPS].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 3/9/99, 93-0.

Senate Amended.

Passed Senate: 4/15/99, 47-0.

House Concurred.

Passed Legislature.

<p><b>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· The supported employment program will also be available to people with significant disabilities.</li></ul>
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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives D. Sommers, Republican Co-Chair; Tokuda, Democratic Co-Chair; Boldt, Republican Vice Chair; Kagi, Democratic Vice Chair; Campbell; Dickerson; Eickmeyer; Kastama and Pflug.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Carrell.

**Staff:** David Knutson (786-7146).

**Background:**

The Department of Social and Health Services, in conjunction with the Department of Personnel and the Office of Financial Management, identify state agencies that can participate in a supported employment program for people with developmental disabilities.

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**Summary of Bill:**

Eligibility for the supported employment program is expanded to also include people with a significant disability.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** The supported employment program should be available for people with significant disabilities as well as people with developmental disabilities.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** (In support) Jann Hoppler, Department of Social and Health Services; Jeanne Munro, Department of Social and Health Services; Brad Boswell, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill; Elenor Owen, Washington Advocates for the Mentally Ill; Joe Whaley; and Donna Patrick, Developmental Disabilities Council.