

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1811

As Reported By House Committee On:
Children & Family Services

Title: An act relating to supported employment.

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

Sponsors: 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].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- The supported employment program will also be available to people with significant disabilities.

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.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

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

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The Department of Social and Health Services will collect information on the types of disabilities faced by people who participate in the supported employment program.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: 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.