

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1619

56th Legislature
1999 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 20, 1999
Yeas 96 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 14, 1999
Yeas 48 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1619** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives McDonald, Kagi, Boldt, Lovick, Tokuda, Wood, Clements, Carrell, D. Schmidt, Linville, Dickerson, O'Brien, Mielke, Kenney and Haigh)

Read first time 03/08/1999.

1 AN ACT Relating to foster parents; adding a new section to chapter
2 74.13 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that Washington
6 state is experiencing a significant shortage of quality foster homes
7 and that the majority of children entering the system are difficult to
8 place due to their complex needs. The legislature intends to provide
9 additional assistance to those families willing to serve as foster
10 parents.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 Within available funds and subject to such conditions and
14 limitations as may be established by the department or by the
15 legislature in the omnibus appropriations act, the department of social
16 and health services shall reimburse foster parents for property damaged
17 or destroyed by foster children placed in their care. The department
18 shall establish by rule a maximum amount that may be reimbursed for

1 each occurrence. The department shall reimburse the foster parent for
2 the replacement value of any property covered by this section. If the
3 damaged or destroyed property is covered and reimbursed under an
4 insurance policy, the department shall reimburse foster parents for the
5 amount of the deductible associated with the insurance claim, up to the
6 limit per occurrence as established by the department.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
8 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
9 June 30, 1999, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
10 void.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
14 July 1, 1999.

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