

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1619**

Chapter 338, Laws of 1999

(partial veto)

56th Legislature  
1999 Regular Session

FOSTER PARENTS--PROPERTY DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/25/99

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

CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved May 14, 1999, with the  
exception of section 4, which is  
vetoed.

GARY LOCKE  
**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.

DEAN R. FOSTER  
**Chief Clerk**

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN  
**Chief Clerk**

FILED  
May 14, 1999 - 6:48 p.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 1999 Regular Session

**State of Washington                      56th Legislature                      1999 Regular Session**

**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.***

15 **\*Sec. 4 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.**

Passed the House April 20, 1999.

Passed the Senate April 14, 1999.

Approved by the Governor May 14, 1999, with the exception of  
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 14, 1999.

1 Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

2 "I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 4,  
3 Substitute House Bill No. 1619 entitled:

4 "AN ACT Relating to foster parents;"

5 Substitute House Bill No. 1619 requires the Department of Social  
6 and Health Services (DSHS) to reimburse foster parents for the  
7 replacement value of property damaged or destroyed by foster children  
8 in their care. It requires DSHS to develop rules regarding the maximum  
9 amount that may be reimbursed for each occurrence.

10 Section 4 of the bill would have required the program to begin by  
11 July 1, 1999. Unfortunately, there is not adequate time between now  
12 and July 1, 1999 for DSHS to make the rules necessary to implement this  
13 legislation.

14 For these reasons I have vetoed section 4 of Substitute House Bill  
15 No. 1619.

16 With the exception of section 4, Substitute House Bill No. 1619 is  
17 approved."