

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESHB 1808

As Passed House

March 20, 1991

Title: An act relating to child care facility fund.

Brief Description: Pertaining to the child care facility fund.

Sponsor(s): By House Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Wineberry, Miller, Wood, Belcher, Rasmussen, Forner, H. Myers, R. King, Silver, Leonard, Fraser, Winsley, Phillips and Mitchell; by request of Dept. of Trade and Economic Development).

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Trade & Economic Development, March 1, 1991, DPS;
Appropriations, March 9, 1991, DPS(TED)-A;
Passed House, March 20, 1991, 98-0.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Majority Report: *That Substitute House Bill No. 1808 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.* Signed by 11 members: Representatives Cantwell, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Forner, Ranking Minority Member; Betrozoff, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Ferguson; Kremen; Ludwig; Moyer; Rasmussen; Riley; and Roland.

Staff: Charlie Gavigan (786-7340).

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Majority Report: *The substitute bill by Committee on Trade & Economic Development be substituted therefor and the substitute bill as amended by Committee on Appropriations do pass.* Signed by 29 members: Representatives Locke, Chair; Inslee, Vice Chair; Spanel, Vice Chair; Silver, Ranking Minority Member; Morton, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appewick; Belcher; Bowman; Braddock; Brekke; Dorn; Ebersole; Ferguson; Fuhrman; Hine; Holland; May; McLean;

Mielke; Nealey; Peery; Pruitt; Rust; H. Sommers; Sprenkle; Valle; Vance; Wang; and Wineberry.

Staff: Wayne Kawakami (786-7384).

Background: The Child Care Facility Fund was established in 1989. The fund makes one-time loans, grants, or loan guarantees to individuals, businesses, and other organizations to start or expand a licensed child care facility. The loans, grants, or loan guarantees cannot exceed \$25,000.

The Child Care Facility Fund is administered by the Department of Trade and Economic Development's Business Assistance Center through a five member committee.

Summary of Bill: The Child Care Facility Fund becomes a revolving loan fund. An employee organization may apply to the Child Care Facility Fund for loans, grants, or loan guarantees. The employer must apply jointly with the employee organization.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: (Trade & Economic Development) This allows the loan repayments to be added to the fund and used without specific appropriations. There are no funds currently in the department's budget for administrative expenses.

(Appropriations) Current status of funds to businesses is five loans and three grants for a total of about \$195,000.

Testimony Against: (Trade & Economic Development) None.

(Appropriations) None.

Witnesses: (Trade & Economic Development) Representative Jesse Wineberry; David Dougherty, Department of Trade and Economic Development (supports); Beryl Cheal, Department of Trade and Economic Development (supports); Lonnie Johns Brown, National Organization for Women (supports); and Margie Reeves, Washington Association for Education of Children (supports).

(Appropriations) Fred Ramirez, Department of Trade & Economic Development; and Cheal Beal, Department of Trade & Economic Development.