
Health Care Committee

HB 1516

Brief Description: Increasing access to health services for children through the "kids get care" service delivery model.

Sponsors: Representatives Schual-Berke, Tom, Kagi, Hankins, Haler, Cody, Priest, Campbell, Kessler, Dunshee, Clibborn, Wallace, Dickerson, Linville, Fromhold, Hunter, Green, Morrell, Darneille, McDermott, Simpson, Chase, O'Brien, Sells, Roberts, Kilmer, Moeller and Ormsby.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Appropriates \$1,195,000 for the 2005-07 biennium to the Department of Health to provide preventive health care for children statewide.

Hearing Date: 2/8/05

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

The Seattle-King County Health Department operates a program called "kids get care". It provides integrated preventive medical, oral, and developmental health services to young children. Its goal is to reduce the need for hospitalization, caries treatment, and developmental interventions. The program operates through community health centers and private medical practices.

Summary of Bill:

The Department of Health and the Seattle-King County Health Department will collaborate with local health care agencies and providers to disseminate strategic interventions designed to improve health outcomes in children and save health care costs. \$1,195,000 of the General Fund-State is appropriated to the Department of Health to provide preventive health care for children statewide.

Appropriation: The sum of \$1,195,000.

Fiscal Note: Requested on 2/4/05.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.