

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1714

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*As Reported By House Committee on:  
Human Services*

**Title:** An act relating to family support centers.

**Brief Description:** Providing support for families in timber communities.

**Sponsor(s):** Representatives Riley, Beck, Leonard, Winsley, Anderson, R. King, Hargrove, H. Myers, Jacobsen, Franklin, Roland, Zellinsky, Phillips, Jones, Rasmussen, Paris, Orr, Inslee, Basich, Sheldon, Morris and Wineberry.

**Brief History:**

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN SERVICES**

**Majority Report:** *That Substitute House Bill No. 1714 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.*  
Signed by 10 members: Representatives Leonard, Chair; Riley, Vice Chair; Winsley, Ranking Minority Member; Tate, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Anderson; Beck; Brekke; Hochstatter; R. King; and H. Myers.

**Staff:** David Knutson (786-7146).

**Background:** The Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, currently funds family support centers in Spokane and Omak. They provide parent support services and other services identified through a local needs assessment. Family support centers help parents and families deal with the stress and problems associated with job loss, economic dislocation and other related situations.

**Summary of Bill:** The Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect will contract for the operation of family support centers in additional communities around the state. The council will use a portion of the funds provided to contract for family support centers in Port Townsend, Port Angeles and Aberdeen.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The appropriation is increased by \$375,000. Additional family

support centers will be operated in Cowlitz, Wakiakum, and Skamania counties and two other timber communities selected by the council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested February 12, 1991.

**Appropriation:** Yes.

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

**Testimony For:** The dramatic reduction in timber supply will have a devastating impact in communities dependent on timber. This will increase stress experienced by families in timber communities. Family support centers are an effective means of helping families.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Mary Ellen O'Keefe, Family Resource Coalition of Washington; Margaret Casey, Children's Budget Alliance; Steve Lansing, Lutheran Public Policy Office; Laurie Lippold, Children's Home Society; Kip Tokuda, Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect; and John Walsh, Community Action Council of Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties.