

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SSB 5583

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*As Reported By House Committee on:  
Trade & Economic Development*

**Title:** An act relating to the child care facility fund.

**Brief Description:** Pertaining to the child care facility fund.

**Sponsor(s):** Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Anderson, McMullen, Moore, L. Smith and Oke; by request of Dept. of Trade and Economic Development).

**Brief History:**

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Majority Report:** *Do pass.* Signed by 8 members: Representatives Cantwell, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Forner, Ranking Minority Member; Betrozoff, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Ferguson; Kremen; Rasmussen; and Riley.

**Staff:** Charlie Gavigan (786-7340).

**Background:** The Child Care Facility Fund was established in 1989. The fund makes one-time loans or 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. The maximum loan amount per applicant is changed from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested March 27, 1991.

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

**Testimony For:** This allows the loan repayments to be added to the fund and used without specific appropriations. Increasing the maximum loan amount gives the fund more flexibility.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Senator Ann Anderson, prime sponsor.