

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2905

*As Passed House
February 15, 1992*

Title: An act relating to preschools.

Brief Description: Studying whether preschools should be regulated like agencies that care for children, expectant mothers, and developmentally disabled people.

Sponsor(s): Representatives Beck, H. Myers, Leonard, Winsley, Jones and Wood.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Human Services, February 5, 1992, DP;
Passed House, February 15, 1992, 93-0.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN SERVICES**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 11 members: Representatives Leonard, Chair; Riley, Vice Chair; Winsley, Ranking Minority Member; Tate, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Anderson; Beck; Brekke; Hargrove; Hochstatter; R. King; and H. Myers.

Staff: David Knutson (786-7146).

Background: Educational programs that serve preschool children for four or fewer hours per day are exempt from licensing requirements of the Department of Social and Health Services.

Summary of Bill: By 1997, preschool programs will be brought into compliance with licensing requirements of the Department of Social and Health Services. The Child Care Coordination Council will develop a schedule to phase in regulation of these programs and will report to the Legislature by December 1992.

Fiscal Note: Requested January 24, 1992.

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

Testimony For: Preschool programs should be subject to the same licensing and regulatory standards which apply to other child care agencies.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Representative Beck, Prime Sponsor; and Lonnie Johns-Brown, National Association of Social Workers (pro).