
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1574

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By House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Leonard, Brown, King, Wineberry, Flemming, Wood, Romero, G. Cole, Riley, Locke, Anderson, Appelwick, Rust, Orr, Karahalios, Quall, Jacobsen, Thibaudeau, Johanson and J. Kohl)

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1 AN ACT Relating to vendor rates for service providers who care for
2 children; adding a new section to chapter 74.32 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that individuals and
6 organizations serving children out of the child's home are an important
7 part of a continuum of care for children who are removed from abusive
8 and dysfunctional homes. The legislature further finds that a
9 significant reduction in the number of service providers and high
10 provider turnover has occurred in the past ten years. Since 1980, the
11 number of group home beds has declined from one thousand seven hundred
12 to fewer than four hundred in 1992. Out-of-home care service providers
13 currently receive state reimbursement of between twenty and sixty-five
14 percent of the cost of caring for dependent children. If reimbursement
15 rates to these service providers are not increased to the full cost of
16 providing care, further reductions in children's service providers will
17 occur, exacerbating an already unacceptable situation. The governor's
18 advisory committee on vendor rates is required to analyze vendor rates
19 for human services providers and recommend adequate vendor rates to the

1 governor and the legislature. The governor's advisory committee has
2 not met for several years.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.32 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The governor's committee on vendor rates, established by RCW
6 74.32.100, shall analyze vendor rates for nonprofit, licensed, group
7 care providers, foster parents, crisis residential centers, private
8 adoption agencies and foster care agencies providing case management,
9 recruitment, training, and support services and determine the actual
10 cost of providing these services. The information shall be published
11 annually, sixty days prior to the convening of the regularly scheduled
12 legislative session.

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