Washington State House of Representatives

BILL ANALYSIS

Office of Program Research

Health Care Committee

SSB 5563

Brief Description: Requiring the department of social and health services to inspect boarding homes at least every twenty-four months.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Deccio, Thibaudeau, Franklin and Shin; by request of Department of Social and Health Services).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

· Changes the inspection cycle for boarding homes from annually to at least every twenty four months.

Hearing Date: 3/25/03

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

Boarding homes are currently inspected by the Department of Social and Health Services (Department) at least annually. The Department also inspects adult family homes. The inspection cycle for adult family homes is at least every 18 months.

Summary of Bill:

The inspection cycle for boarding homes is changed from annually to at least every 24 months.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

passed.