

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## ESHB 1787

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Children & Family Services & Corrections, April 2, 2003

**Title:** An act relating to health and human services and information referral.

**Brief Description:** Establishing a 211 network.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Boldt, Moeller, Miloscia, Jarrett, Priest, Dickerson and Santos).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Children & Family Services & Corrections: 4/2/03 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

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**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Stevens, Chair; Carlson, Deccio, Hargrove, McAuliffe and Regala.

**Staff:** Tony Rugel (786-7754)

**Background:** 2-1-1 networks existing in several other states provide a single phone number for people to use to access health and human services and disaster related information. It is felt that 2-1-1 networks can provide a more efficient, cost-effective, and simple way of providing people with information about government services.

**Summary of Bill:** The Department of Social and Health Services and the Washington Information Network 2-1-1 (WIN 2-1-1) work in conjunction to establish and maintain a network consisting of call centers and a statewide resource data base. A 2-1-1 account is created in the state treasury from public and private funds and is used for granting purposes to develop, operate, and maintain the network.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 2003.

**Testimony For:** There is general support for the bill.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** PRO: Remy Trupin, United Way of King County.