

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2505

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Children & Family Services & Corrections, February 26, 2004

**Title:** An act relating to the fee for birth certificates suitable for display.

**Brief Description:** Revising the fee for birth certificates suitable for display.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Schual-Berke, Nixon and Chase; by request of Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Children & Family Services & Corrections: 2/18/04, 2/26/04 [DP].

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

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

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

**Staff:** Edith Rice (786-7444)

**Background:** The Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (WCPCAN) was created in 1982 to increase public awareness of child abuse prevention programs and to advocate for public policies that support families and protect children. Members of the council are appointed by the Governor. The children's trust fund is administered by WCPCAN and accepts contributions, grants and cash gifts. It also receives the proceeds from the sale of "heirloom" birth certificates. Current law sets the fee for "heirloom" birth certificates at \$25.

**Summary of Bill:** WCPCAN can establish the fee for an "heirloom" birth certificate at its discretion.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Testimony For:** This will allow the agency to adjust the price and market it appropriately.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Joan Sharp, Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.