

SENATE BILL REPORT

SJM 8011

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Children & Family Services & Corrections, February 11, 2003

Brief Description: Petitioning Congress to improve federal law regulating international matchmaking organizations.

Sponsors: Senators Kohl-Welles, Benton, Fraser, Prentice, Carlson, Keiser, Winsley and Schmidt.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Children & Family Services & Corrections: 2/11/03 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Joint Memorial No. 8011 be substituted therefor, and the substitute joint memorial do pass.

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

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Background: The Washington State Legislature has enacted the first state law regulating international matchmaking organizations. The state law requires the sharing of public safety information, including criminal background information and marital history of the Washington State resident.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The United States Congress is requested to enact at least the same protection and information sharing that is required under Washington law.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The original bill was not considered.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.