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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens and Hargrove)

Brief Description: Revising temporary assistance for needy families.

**SB 6559-S.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/16/04)

Declares that it remains the intent of the legislature that all applicants to the Washington WorkFirst program shall be focused on obtaining paid, unsubsidized employment. The focus of the Washington WorkFirst program continues to be work for all recipients.

Declares that the key principles of the state temporary assistance for needy families program must be to help move people from welfare to work; to be a short-term transitional experience, not a way of life; and to assist families to receive the child care and health care they need to protect their children as they move from welfare to work.

Recognizes that there will always be families while working hard to find work, need assistance over a longer period.

Declares an intent to ensure that these families have available to them continuing assistance and other services and resources that will assist in gaining competitive employment while those who are uncooperative and malingering no longer receive a cash grant.