

**2SSB 6308 - S AMD 662**

By Senator Christian

1 On page 14, after line 33, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The legislature finds that child  
3 protective services is understaffed, which is consistent with the  
4 findings of the child welfare workload study completed by the  
5 department of children, youth, and families. The legislature also  
6 finds that the department's program support is overstaffed in excess  
7 of 100 full-time equivalents relative to the program's base  
8 appropriation. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to  
9 increase the number of social workers and related staff that provide  
10 direct services to receive, refer, and respond to screened-in reports  
11 of child abuse or neglect while also reducing the number of staff  
12 that do not provide direct client services.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) Within existing resources, the  
14 department of children, youth, and families shall increase child  
15 protective services staff that provide direct services, which may  
16 include social workers and related staff that provide services to  
17 receive, refer, and respond to screened-in reports of child abuse or  
18 neglect, by 100 full-time equivalents by the end of the 2025-2027  
19 fiscal biennium. Staff may only include those provided for in RCW  
20 43.88.058(2).

21 (2) For the purposes of this section, "within existing resources"  
22 means by using reductions in staffing in the department of children,  
23 youth, and families' program support appropriation of the 2025-2027  
24 operating budget."

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1        On page 1, line 4 of the title, after "custodian" insert "and  
2 increasing frontline staffing within the department of children,  
3 youth, and families"

4        On page 1, line 5 of the title, after "creating" strike "a new  
5 section" and insert "new sections"

EFFECT: Within existing resources, DCYF is to increase CPS staff that provide direct services by 100 FTE by the end of this biennium (by reducing staffing in the program support appropriation of the 2025-2027 operating budget). Title amendment.

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