

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB 48

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Miller, Yvonne B.

**3. Committee** Rehabilitation and Social Services

**4. Title** Kinship foster care; social services to seek thereof

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Requires a local board of social services, before making a foster care placement, to first seek out kinship foster care. To be eligible as a kinship foster parent, a person must be related, through blood, marriage, or adoption, within the first three degrees to the parent or step-parent of the child, and be 21 years of age or older, except that if the spouse or partner of the relative is 21 years of age or older and living in the home, and the relative is between 18 and 21 years of age, the department may waive the age requirement. Kinship foster care placements are subject to the requirements, and receive the benefits, of other foster care placements, including payments for the care of the child.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** This legislation would codify current practices of local department of social services since foster care workers are expected to seek out placement with a relative if a child cannot be returned to their home.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**  
Department of Social Services

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources