

WYDEN AFDC “DE-LINK” AMENDMENT

Wyden Amendment #1 to S. 1542, “The Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act”

Short Title: Report on “de-linking” foster care financing from AFDC income eligibility requirements.

Description of Amendment: This amendment instructs the Secretary of HHS to submit to Congress a report on recommendations for legislative or administrative action necessary to “de-link” foster care funding from the now defunct Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) in a low or no-cost manner as described in sec. 3 of S. 1509.

WYDEN AMENDMENT ON CHILD WELL-BEING DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Wyden Amendment #2 to S. 1542, “The Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act”

Short Title: Child well-being demonstration projects.

Description of Amendment: This amendment would allow for States and Tribes to enter into agreement with HHS to perform demonstration projects that improve the well-being of children in the child welfare system (both in foster care and at risk of entering care) as well as their families. It encourages the Secretary of HHS to use the authority to waive certain inter and intra-agency financing restrictions so long as they maintain cost-neutrality.