

HB 2238 - DIGEST

Authorizes the department to contact the parent or guardian of an infant who fails a newborn hearing screening for the purpose of assisting the parent or guardian in obtaining a comprehensive hearing assessment for the child. Contacts with parents and guardians under this section shall be consistent with procedures established pursuant to RCW 70.83.040.

Finds that the department of health plans to undertake a survey of selected parents and guardians of infants who have failed a newborn hearing screening for the purpose of gathering more information about comprehensive hearing assessments for these newborns. The department shall, upon completion of its survey, provide a brief report to the appropriate committees of the legislature regarding its findings.