

SSB 5431 - H AMD 887

By Representative Kagi

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1 On page 1, line 9, after "child." insert "Pursuant to RCW 13.34.060
2 and 13.34.130, placement of the child with a relative or other suitable
3 person is the preferred option."

4 Beginning on page 1, line 14, after "care," strike all material
5 through "and the" on page 2, line 3, and insert "and the department
6 cannot locate an appropriate and available relative or other suitable
7 person, the preferred placement for the child is in a foster family
8 home where the child previously was placed, if the following conditions
9 are met:

10 (a) The foster family home is available and willing to care for the
11 child;

12 (b) The foster family is appropriate and able to meet the child's
13 needs; and

14 (c) The"

15 On page 2, after line 3, insert the following:

16 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 If a child has been previously placed in out-of-home care and is
19 subsequently returned to out-of-home care, and the department cannot
20 locate an appropriate and available relative or other suitable person,
21 the preferred placement for the child is in a foster family home where
22 the child previously was placed, if the following conditions are met:

23 (1) The foster family home is available and willing to care for the
24 child;

25 (2) The foster family is appropriate and able to meet the child's
26 needs; and

27 (3) The placement is in the best interest of the child."

1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Clarifies that the bill is consistent with existing statute regarding preferences for placements with a relative or other suitable person in child dependency cases.

(2) Establishes that the second priority for placement of a child returned to foster care is with a foster family with whom the child lived previously if certain conditions are met.

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