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By Senators Hargrove, Anderson, L. Smith, Erwin, Nelson, Vognild, Hochstatter, Roach and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to adoption; amending RCW 26.33.140; and adding a
2 new section to chapter 26.33 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.33.140 and 1984 c 155 s 14 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Any person may be adopted, regardless of his or her age or
7 residence.

8 (2) Any person who is legally competent and who is eighteen years
9 of age or older may be an adoptive parent.

10 (3) An application for adoption creates no presumption that an
11 adoptive placement will be made. All adoptive placements shall be made
12 based on the best interest of the child.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 26.33 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 Adoptive child placing agencies shall give consideration to the
16 child's racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious heritage, natural
17 family group, and, to the greatest extent possible, the wishes of the
18 natural parent in making the adoptive placement. Preference shall be

1 given to a child's relatives and to keeping siblings together unless
2 that is not in the best interest of the child.

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