

1 **SHB 1514 - H AMD 0024 FAILED 03/15/99**

2 By Representative Lambert

3 On page 3, line 27, after moving party.- insert:

4 (9) In determining whether modification serves the best interests
5 of the child for the purposes of this section, the court may consider
6 whether the modification will serve the child's interests in the long-
7 term and whether the modification is based on a substantial change in
8 circumstances that is temporary or may have a long-term, as opposed to
9 an immediate, benefit, such as a parent's return to school.-

EFFECT: Explicitly allows the court, when making major and minor modifications to a parenting plan, to consider the child's long-term interests and whether the substantial change in circumstances is temporary or has a long-term, as opposed to immediate, benefit.