

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2988

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FOSTER PARENTS' RIGHTS

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Yeas 96 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved March 26, 2004.

GARY F. LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2988** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Boldt, Clements, Pearson, Bailey and McMahan)

READ FIRST TIME 02/06/04.

1 AN ACT Relating to foster parents' rights; and adding new sections
2 to chapter 74.13 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 A foster parent who believes that a department employee has
7 retaliated against the foster parent or in any other manner
8 discriminated against the foster parent because:

9 (1) The foster parent made a complaint with the office of the
10 family and children's ombudsman, the attorney general, law enforcement
11 agencies, or the department, provided information, or otherwise
12 cooperated with the investigation of such a complaint;

13 (2) The foster parent has caused to be instituted any proceedings
14 under or related to Title 13 RCW;

15 (3) The foster parent has testified or is about to testify in any
16 proceedings under or related to Title 13 RCW;

17 (4) The foster parent has advocated for services on behalf of the
18 foster child;

1 (5) The foster parent has sought to adopt a foster child in the
2 foster parent's care; or

3 (6) The foster parent has discussed or consulted with anyone
4 concerning the foster parent's rights under this chapter or chapter
5 74.15 or 13.34 RCW,
6 may file a complaint with the office of the family and children's
7 ombudsman. The office of the family and children's ombudsman shall
8 include its recommendations regarding complaints filed under this
9 section in its annual report pursuant to RCW 43.06A.030. The office of
10 the family and children's ombudsman shall identify trends which may
11 indicate a need to improve relations between the department and foster
12 parents.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 The department shall develop procedures for responding to
16 recommendations of the office of the family and children's ombudsman as
17 a result of any and all complaints filed by foster parents under
18 section 1 of this act.

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