

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5510** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

1 If you have not been maintaining consistent contact with your child
2 in out-of-home care, your ability to reunify with your child may be
3 jeopardized. If this is your situation, you need to be aware that you
4 have important legal rights and must take steps to protect your
5 interests.

6 1. The department of social and health services (or other
7 supervising agency) and the court have created a permanency plan for
8 your child, including a primary placement plan and a secondary
9 placement plan, and recommending services needed before your child can
10 be placed in the primary or secondary placement. If you want the court
11 to order that your child be reunified with you, you should notify your
12 lawyer and the department, and you should carefully comply with court
13 orders for services and participate regularly in visitation with your
14 child. Failure to promptly engage in services or to maintain contact
15 with your child may lead to the filing of a petition to terminate your
16 rights as a parent.

17 2. Primary and secondary permanency plans are intended to run at
18 the same time so that your child will have a permanent home as quickly
19 as possible. Even if you want another parent or person to be the
20 primary placement choice for your child, you should tell your lawyer,
21 the department, and the court if you want to be the secondary placement
22 option, and you should comply with any court orders for services and
23 participate in visitation with your child. Early and consistent
24 involvement in your child's case plan is important for the well-being
25 of your child.

26 3. Dependency review hearings, and all other dependency case
27 hearings, are legal proceedings with potentially serious consequences.
28 Failure to participate, respond, or comply with court orders may lead
29 to the loss of your parental rights."

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