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HOUSE BILL 2550

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1            AN ACT Relating to child support; amending RCW 13.34.160; and  
2    repealing RCW 13.34.162.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.34.160 and 1987 c 435 s 14 are each amended to read  
5    as follows:

6            (~~In any case in which the court shall find the child dependent, it  
7    may in the same or subsequent proceeding upon the parent or parents,  
8    guardian, or other person having custody of said child, being duly  
9    summoned or voluntarily appearing, proceed to inquire into the ability  
10   of such persons or person able to support the child or contribute  
11   thereto, the court may enter such order or decree as shall be according  
12   to equity in the premises, and may enforce the same by execution, or in  
13   any way in which a court of equity may enforce its decrees. All child  
14   support orders entered pursuant to this chapter shall be in compliance~~

1 ~~with the provisions of RCW 26.23.050))~~ In an action brought under this  
2 chapter, the court shall inquire into the ability of the parent or  
3 parents of the subject child to pay child support and shall enter a  
4 child support order or decree consistent with chapter 26.19 RCW. In  
5 determining a parent's income the court shall consider how anticipated  
6 reunification efforts may affect that parent's availability for work.  
7 The child support obligation shall not be set at a level so as to  
8 interfere with reunification efforts. The court shall consider as a  
9 basis for deviation parental responsibility for costs related to  
10 reunification efforts or the special needs of the child.

11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. RCW 13.34.162 and 1988 c 275 s 15 are  
12 each repealed.