

1 **SHB 2442** - H AMD TO H AMD (2442-S AMD MULL H5153.2)

2 By Representative Mastin and Mulliken

3 On page 1, line 10, after "**Sec. 1.**", strike all material down  
4 to "act." on line 4, page 2, and insert the following:

5 "The legislature finds there has been a gradual encroachment  
6 by the state into the fundamental rights of parents to exercise  
7 legitimate care, responsibility, and guidance over the upbringing  
8 of their children. The Legislature also finds that government's  
9 inability to adequately support reasonable attempts by parents to  
10 guide, discipline, and prepare their children for a productive,  
11 fulfilling life, is both a result and cause of the breakdown in the  
12 family unit and harmful to society.

13 The result is a breakdown in the traditional role of the  
14 family as the primary provider, protector, and promoter of the  
15 health, safety, and well-being of children and of the basic values  
16 and character traits essential for attaining individual liberty,  
17 fulfillment, and happiness.

18 This act is intended to ensure parents can rightfully guide  
19 and direct the affairs of their minor or dependent children. This  
20 act is also intended to ensure government appropriately respects  
21 and reinforces those rights, and to ensure parents meet the  
22 responsibilities inherent in bearing and raising young children.  
23 The legislature recognizes that upholding the rights of parents is  
24 in the best interest of the families and minor children of  
25 Washington state.

26 This act is also intended to assist parents in furthering the  
27 following important values: (1) Honesty, integrity, and trust; (2)  
28 respect for self and others; (3) responsibility for personal  
29 actions and commitments; (4) self-discipline and moderation; (5)  
30 diligence and a positive work ethic; (6) respect for law and  
31 authority; (7) healthy and constructive behavior; and (8) family as  
32 the basis of society.

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1           Neither the state of Washington, nor its political  
2 subdivisions, should by any means, enact or enforce any policy that  
3 supersedes or infringes upon the abilities and the rights of  
4 parents as recognized and protected by this act."

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7   EFFECT:   Revises the intent language.