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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Stevens, Hargrove, Long, Costa, Fairley, McAuliffe and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to conflicts of interest in the placement of  
2 children in out-of-home care; and adding a new section to chapter 74.13  
3 RCW.

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

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

7 (1) No child may be placed in out-of-home care under this chapter  
8 or chapter 13.34 RCW when there is a conflict of interest on the part  
9 of any adult residing in the home in which the child is to be placed.  
10 A conflict of interest exists when:

11 (a) There is an adult in the home who, as a result of: (i) His or  
12 her employment; and (ii) an allegation of abuse or neglect of the  
13 child, conducts or has conducted an investigation of the allegation; or

14 (b) The child has been, is, or is likely to be a witness in any  
15 cause of action against any adult in the home when the cause includes:  
16 (i) An allegation of abuse or neglect against the child or any sibling  
17 of the child; or (ii) a claim of damages resulting from wrongful  
18 interference with the parent-child relationship of the child and his or  
19 her biological or adoptive parent.

1           (2) The prohibition set forth in subsection (1) of this section may  
2 not be waived or deferred by the department under any circumstance or  
3 at the request of any person, regardless of who has made the request or  
4 the length of time of the requested placement.

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