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Sponsor(s): Senators Stevens, Hargrove, Long and Roach

Brief Description: Improving accountability in child dependency cases.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that, following shelter care and no later than twenty-five days prior to fact-finding, the department shall facilitate with the parent, counsel for the parent, a foster parent or other out-of-home care provider, caseworker, counselor or other relevant health care provider, guardian ad litem, if appointed, and any other person connected to the development and well-being of the child a conference to identify in writing the department's expectations regarding the care and placement of the child.

Requires that the expectations identified must be specific with criteria that enables the court to measure performance. The expectations must correlate with the court's findings at shelter care under the provisions of RCW 13.34.065.