

1 **ESSB 5779** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 4/14/03**  
2 By Committee on Children & Family Services

3 On page 9, line 10, after "believe the" strike "health, safety,  
4 or welfare" and insert "best interests"

**EFFECT:** Changes the standard used to determine whether to prohibit contact between siblings once a termination petition is filed. Reasonable efforts to ensure visitation and contact between siblings must be ensured unless it is not in the best interests of the child or siblings rather than unless the health, safety, or welfare of the child or siblings is jeopardized.