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By Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 A foster parent who believes that a department employee has
6 retaliated against the foster parent or in any other manner
7 discriminated against the foster parent because:

8 (1) The foster parent made a complaint with the office of the
9 family and children's ombudsman, the attorney general, law enforcement
10 agencies, or the department, provided information, or otherwise
11 cooperated with the investigation of such a complaint;

12 (2) The foster parent has caused to be instituted any proceedings
13 under or related to Title 13 RCW;

14 (3) The foster parent has testified or is about to testify in any
15 proceedings under or related to Title 13 RCW;

16 (4) The foster parent has advocated for services on behalf of the
17 foster child;

18 (5) The foster parent has sought to adopt a foster child in the
19 foster parent's care; or

20 (6) The foster parent has discussed or consulted with anyone
21 concerning the foster parent's rights under this chapter or chapter
22 74.15 or 13.34 RCW,

23 may file a complaint with the office of the family and children's
24 ombudsman. The office of the family and children's ombudsman shall
25 include its recommendations regarding complaints filed under this
26 section in its annual report pursuant to RCW 43.06A.030. The office of
27 the family and children's ombudsman shall identify trends which may
28 indicate a need to improve relations between the department and foster
29 parents.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The department shall develop procedures for responding to
4 recommendations of the office of the family and children's ombudsman as
5 a result of any and all complaints filed by foster parents under
6 section 1 of this act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as
8 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
9 ending June 30, 2004, from the general fund to the office of the family
10 and children's ombudsman for the purposes of section 1 of this act."

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11 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "rights;" strike the
12 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter 74.13
13 RCW; and making an appropriation."

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