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By House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Law (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Dickerson, McCoy, Kenney and Santos)

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- AN ACT Relating to third-party custody proceedings involving the 1
- 2 Indian Child Welfare Act; and adding a new section to chapter 26.10
- 3 RCW.

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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 26.10 RCW to read as follows: 6
 - (1) Every petition filed in proceedings under this chapter shall contain a statement alleging whether the child is or may be an Indian child as defined in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903. If the child is an Indian child as defined under the Indian child welfare act, the provisions of the act shall apply.
 - (2) Every order or decree entered in any proceeding under this chapter shall contain a finding that the Indian child welfare act does or does not apply. Where there is a finding that the Indian child welfare act does apply, the decree or order must also contain a finding that all notice requirements and evidentiary requirements under the

Indian child welfare act have been satisfied. 17

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