
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4418

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1 WHEREAS, The adoption process can seem complicated, time consuming,
2 and frustrating; and

3 WHEREAS, Options for prospective adoptive parents to consider
4 include whether to adopt a child from the United States or from another
5 country, whether or not to adopt a child from the foster care system,
6 the degree of desired contact between the adoptive family and the
7 child's birth family following the adoption, and the type of agency or
8 method of adoption to be used;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
10 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a legislative
11 study panel on issues relating to adoption be created to be composed of
12 four members as follows:

13 Two members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the
14 Senate, including one member of the majority party and one member of
15 the minority party; and

16 Two members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives, including one member from the
18 majority party and one member from the minority party; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study panel shall invite the
20 participation of the Governor. The study panel shall create an

1 advisory committee to participate in the study panel composed of the
2 following invited individuals: Representatives from federally
3 recognized Indian tribes, the Washington State Bar Association, the
4 judiciary, and adoption agencies and child-placing agencies including
5 state agencies, nonprofit agencies, and those agencies providing
6 services for domestic or international adoptions; adoptive parents; and
7 adoptees; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study panel shall study and report
9 findings and recommendations, as well as solicit comments from the
10 community, regarding the current adoption statutes and policies related
11 to the following issues: Adoption-related fees; barriers to adoption;
12 child selling and buying; adoption facilitation, advertising, and
13 marketing; discrimination in adoption based upon ability to pay, race,
14 color, or national origin of child or parent; background checks; and
15 agency licensing and credentialing; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study panel shall report its
17 findings to the legislature by January 1, 2005.

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