

1236-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Children & Family Services
(originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Boldt, Pettigrew,
Darneille, Moeller, Clibborn, Roach, Armstrong, Jarrett, Lantz,
Kenney, Benson, Shabro, Anderson and Mielke)

Brief Description: Providing public access to child dependency
hearings.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/05/03)

Amends RCW 13.34.115 to provide that the public shall not be
excluded except if the judge finds that excluding the public is in
the best interest of the child and states on the record the reasons
for excluding the public.

Provides that anyone may attend the hearings or proceedings at
the request of the parent.