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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Law (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Kagi, Lovick, Delvin, Pettigrew, Rockefeller and Wood; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

Brief Description: Authorizing collection of support payments for children with developmental disabilities in out-of-home care.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, in the absence of a court order setting support, the department may establish an administrative order for support upon receipt of a referral or application for support enforcement services.

Provides that when state or federal funds are expended for the care and maintenance of a child with a developmental disability, whether placed in care as a result of an action under chapter 13.34 RCW or a voluntary placement agreement, the department shall refer the case to the division of child support, unless the department finds that there is good cause not to pursue collection of child support against the parent or parents of the child.

Authorizes the department to refer cases to the division of child support whenever state or federal funds are expended for the care and maintenance of a child, including a child with a developmental disability, who is placed as a result of an action under chapter 13.34 RCW, unless the department finds that there is good cause not to pursue collection of child support against the parent or parents of the child.

Declares that nothing in this act prohibits the department from seeking support from parents of a child, including a child with a developmental disability if the child has been placed into care as a result of an action under chapter 13.34 RCW, when state or federal funds are expended for the care and maintenance of that child or when the department receives an application for services from the physical custodian of the child, unless the department finds that there is good cause not to pursue collection of child support against the parent or parents.