

2877-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Children & Family Services
(originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi and Boldt; by request
of Department of Social and Health Services)

Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to guardianship of
dependent children.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that guardianship for some children who have been found
to be dependent children under chapter 13.34 RCW and who cannot
live with their parents is a valuable resource for such children
needing stability in their lives when such placement is in the best
interests of the child.

Declares an intent to enhance family preservation and
stability for children by recognizing the value of permanent
placement with relatives or other long-term caregivers, dismissal
of dependencies, and elimination of the need for continued
governmental intervention in family life.

Declares an intent to expand opportunities for children to
remain with relatives or long-term caregivers when they can no
longer live with their parents through provision of support to
relatives and unrelated persons who are willing and able to serve
as guardians for the children.

Declares an intent to preserve sibling relationships through
placement of siblings together when such placement is in the best
interests of the siblings.