

5708-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Esser, Haugen, Thibaudeau, Kline and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Providing a procedure for court-ordered contact with a child for nonparents. Revised for 2nd Substitute: Providing a procedure for court-ordered visitation with a child for grandparents.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Affirms that parents have a paramount right to raise their minor children.

Recognizes that this paramount right must be considered in conjunction with a minor child's interest in maintaining the strong emotional bonds with grandparents that the child has developed and relies upon.

Declares an intent to establish internally consistent and rigorous standards that must be met for a grandparent to obtain visitation with a minor child.

Repeals RCW 26.09.240.