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Sponsor(s): Senators Deccio, Kline and Thibaudeau; 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.

**SB 6379 - DIGEST**

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.

Declares that nothing in RCW 74.13.350 prohibits the department from seeking support from parents of a child when state or federal funds are expended for the care and maintenance of that child, including a child with a developmental disability, 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.