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Sponsor(s): Senators Swecker, Stevens, Deccio, Prentice, Parlette, Hargrove, Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to adoption. Revised for 1st Substitute: Creating a study panel for adoption issues.

SB 6457 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent to ensure that children whose parents are unable to provide for their care are placed with safe and stable families through the process of adoption. Placement of such children with qualified families is presumed to be in the best interest of the child.

Declares that the purpose of adoption is to find a safe and stable family for each child, not the reverse.

Declares an intent that adoptions be handled efficiently and equitably with the rights of all parties protected. Under no circumstances shall adoptions be delayed, denied, or given preferential treatment based upon the race of the child or prospective adoptive parents, nor shall any adoption-related fees be based upon the race or physical characteristics of the child, nor of the ability of the prospective adoptive parents to pay the adoption-related fees.