## HB 2030-S2 - DIGEST

## (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/10/05)

Finds that guardianship can be an appropriate permanent plan for some children who have been found to be dependent children under chapter 13.34 RCW and who cannot live with their parents.

Declares an intent to strengthen stability and permanency for children by recognizing the value of a guardianship placement with relatives or other long-term caregivers, dismissal of dependencies, elimination of the need for continued governmental intervention in family life, and provision of support to the guardianship.

Takes effect January 1, 2006.