

HB 2552 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Provides that the parent or legal guardian of a minor may consent to voluntary outpatient treatment on behalf of the minor on the recommendation of a psychiatrist, psychologist, or other licensed mental health professional, as defined in RCW 71.34.020, who has significant experience in the treatment of children with mental disorders and has examined the minor. The minor's consent is not necessary.

Provides that the administrative office of the courts, in consultation with the department of social and health services and other interested organizations, shall develop standard forms for the statement of the minor's rights and the petition to request withdrawal from or modification of mental health treatment provided to minors under RCW 71.34.530 and 71.34.500. The statement and forms shall be designed to be readily understood and completed by a minor thirteen to seventeen years of age.