

**HB 3205-S - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Finds that when assessing whether a child's right to conditions of basic nurture are being adequately protected under chapter 13.34 RCW, the developmental needs of the child should be considered.

Provides when a child has been in out-of-home care for fifteen of the most recent twenty-two months, the court shall require the filing of a petition seeking termination of parental rights. The court may make a good cause written finding as to why filing a petition for termination of parental rights is not appropriate at this time. Any such good cause finding shall be reviewed at all subsequent motion and review hearings pertaining to the child.

Includes the long-term well-being of a child as a paramount concern when making reasonable efforts in dependency and termination matters.