CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1790**

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65th Legislature

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DEPENDENCY PETITIONS BY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES--PAID PROBATION OFFICERS

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 7, 2018

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| Passed by the House January 24, 2018  Yeas 95 Nays 2  FRANK CHOPP  **Speaker of the House of Representatives**  Passed by the Senate February 27, 2018  Yeas 48 Nays 0  CYRUS HABIB  **President of the Senate** | CERTIFICATE  I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1790** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.  BERNARD DEAN  Chief Clerk |
| Approved March 9, 2018 1:41 PM | March 9, 2018 |
| JAY INSLEE  **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Lovick, Dent, Kagi, Frame, and Jinkins; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

AN ACT Relating to dependency petitions where the department of social and health services is the petitioner; and amending RCW 13.34.040.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

**Sec.**  RCW 13.34.040 and 2011 c 309 s 23 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Any person may file with the clerk of the superior court a petition showing that there is within the county, or residing within the county, a dependent child and requesting that the superior court deal with such child as provided in this chapter. There shall be no fee for filing such petitions.

(2) Except where the department is the petitioner, in counties having paid probation officers, these officers shall, to the extent possible, first determine if a petition is reasonably justifiable. Each petition shall be verified and contain a statement of facts constituting a dependency, and the names and residence, if known to the petitioner, of the parents, guardian, or custodian of the alleged dependent child.

(3) Every petition filed in proceedings under this chapter shall contain a statement alleging whether the child is or may be an Indian child as defined in RCW 13.38.040. If the child is an Indian child chapter 13.38 RCW shall apply.

(4) Every order or decree entered under this chapter shall contain a finding that the federal Indian child welfare act or chapter 13.38 RCW does or does not apply. Where there is a finding that the federal Indian child welfare act or chapter 13.38 RCW does apply, the decree or order must also contain a finding that all notice requirements and evidentiary requirements under the federal Indian child welfare act and chapter 13.38 RCW have been satisfied.

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