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3 By Senators Hargrove, Long, Costa and Stevens

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. I.** A new section is added to chapter  
8 74.13 RCW, to be codified after RCW  
9 74.13.010, to read as follows:

10 The legislature finds that accreditation of children's  
11 services by an independent entity can significantly improve the  
12 quality of services provided to children and families.  
13 Accreditation involves an ongoing commitment to meeting  
14 nationally recognized standards of practice in child welfare and  
15 holds organizations accountable for achieving improved outcomes  
16 for children.

17 Accreditation is a structured process designed to facilitate  
18 organizational change and improvement within individual local  
19 offices. Standards require improved case management,  
20 documentation, internal case management practices, and  
21 accountability. Accreditation requires the establishment of  
22 clear communication with biological parents, foster and adoptive  
23 parents, providers, the courts, and members of the community.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. A new section is added to chapter 74.13  
25 RCW, to be codified after section 1 of this act, to read as  
26 follows:

27 The department shall undertake the process of accreditation  
28 with the goal of completion by July 2006. The department, in  
29 conjunction with a national independent accreditation entity,  
30 shall report to the appropriate legislative committees its  
31 progress towards complete accreditation on an annual basis,  
32 starting December 2001."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "services;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "and adding new sections to  
6 chapter 74.13 RCW."

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