

1 **2SHB 2219** - H AMDS 104 FAILED 2-9-96

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3 On page 31, line 38, after "summons." insert "If the court
4 clerk knows or has reason to know that the juvenile's parent or
5 guardian does not speak or read English, and the clerk knows or has
6 reason to know what is the parent's or guardian's native language,
7 the clerk must send a summons in the parent's or guardian's native
8 language."

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13 On page 57, after line 26, insert the following new section:

14 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. A new section is added to chapter 13.40
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 If a parent, guardian, or custodian fails to appear as
17 required at a juvenile offender's hearing, the court may not hold
18 the person in contempt for failing to appear if the court finds
19 that the person did not appear because the person cannot read or
20 understand English, did not receive a summons or other written
21 order that was translated into the person's native language, or did
22 not have an interpreter available in a prior court hearing to
23 translate a written or oral court order that directed the person to
24 appear at the next hearing."

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26 Renumber remaining sections consecutively and correct internal
27 references accordingly

EFFECT: A summons must be translated into a parent's native
language if the court clerk has reason to believe that the
parent does not read English and the clerk has a reason to

know what is the parent's native language. A parent may not be held in contempt of court for failing to appear if the court finds that the parent did not understand the order because the person does not speak or read English and the order was not translated into the parent's native language.