

1 **ESSB 5491 - H COMM AMDS ADOPTED 4-9-98**

2 By Committee on Children & Family Services

3 On page 1, beginning on line 5, strike section 1.

4 Correct the title and renumber remaining sections consecutively.

5 On page 6, after line 33, insert (3) That the child is  
6 currently a dependent child under RCW 13.34.030(4); and-

7 Renumber remaining subsections consecutively and correct internal  
8 references accordingly.

9 On page 7, line 20, after future;- strike ~~((and))-~~ and  
10 insert and-

11 On page 7, beginning on line 23, after home;- strike all  
12 matter through based;- on line 26.

13 On page 8, line 36, after evidence- insert . The findings of  
14 a prior dependency shall not form the basis for establishing  
15 allegations (3) through (7) of RCW 13.34.180"

16 On page 9, line 2, after (2),- strike (5),~~((and))-~~ and  
17 insert ~~((5),-and))~~ (3)-

**EFFECT:** Preserves the current standard for establishing a manifest danger to a child in a dependency proceeding. Replaces the requirement that a court find a parent is unfit before terminating parental rights with the requirement that the court find that the child is currently dependent. Prohibits courts from using the findings in a dependency action to establish the requirements for termination.