

1 **SSB 6201** - H COMM AMD

2 By Committee on Children & Family Services

3 On page 4, line 16, after ~~interim~~- insert the following

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5 (viii) A child under three years of age has been abandoned as
6 defined in RCW 13.34.030(4)-

7 On page 9, line 27, after ~~RCW-~~ strike ~~((74.13.280))~~" and insert
8 74.13.280 and-

9 On page 11, line 16, after ~~been-~~ insert clearly-

10 On page 11, line 19, after ~~been-~~ insert clearly-

11 On page 11, line 29, after been- insert clearly-

12 On page 13, beginning on line 24, strike section 5.

13 Renumber remaining sections accordingly.

14 On page 19, line 10, after neglect- strike must- and insert
15 may-

EFFECT: Eliminates the requirement that whenever the department files a petition for termination of parental rights for abandonment, it also must seek and proceed with an adoption. Instead, expedited termination may be sought when a child under three is abandoned. Corrects statutory references. Requires the department to *clearly* offer reconciliation services prior to seeking termination. Requires the department to notify alleged perpetrators of abuse that a founded report *may* be used in licensing and employment decisions, not that they *must* be used.