

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESSB 6217

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Changing provisions relating to dependent children.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Long, Costa and Winsley).

**Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections**

**House Committee on Children & Family Services**

**Background:** The dependency statutes have been amended repeatedly over the years without consideration of the most appropriate placement of the language in the statute. This process has caused people difficulty in grasping the statutory requirements.

**Summary:** Technical and clarifying changes, not substantive, are made to the dependency and termination of parental rights statutes. Outdated information is deleted. Cross references are corrected. Substantive provisions in RCW 13.34.130 pertaining to termination of parental rights, review hearings and permanency planning are removed and each placed in a separate section. The predisposition report requirements are placed under the social study definition.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

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| Senate | 47 | 0 |                    |
| House  | 97 | 0 | (House amended)    |
| Senate | 44 | 0 | (Senate concurred) |

**Effective:** June 8, 2000