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Sponsor(s): Senators Swecker, Hargrove, Stevens, Zarelli, Long, Hochstatter and Costa

Brief Description: Revising shelter care law.

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Provides that, whenever a child is taken into custody pursuant to RCW 13.34.060, the supervising agency shall: (1) First seek to place the child with any person related to the child as described in RCW 74.15.020(2)(a), who is willing and available to care for the child, with whom the child has a relationship, and with whom the child is comfortable;

(2) document its efforts to accomplish the requirements of this provision; and

(3) if unable to accomplish the requirements of this provision, place the child in a shelter care facility.

Authorizes a parent, or the parent's guardian if the parent has been declared incompetent, to file with the clerk of the superior court a request for an expedited hearing on a motion for revision of any order, judgment, findings of fact, or conclusions of law made by a commissioner at a shelter care hearing held under RCW 13.34.060.

Requires the superior court to hold the hearing on motion for revision within three days after the filing of both the motion for revision and the request for an expedited hearing.