
HOUSE BILL 1274

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By Representatives Lantz and Carrell; by request of Administrator for the Courts

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1 AN ACT Relating to emancipation of minors; and amending RCW
2 13.64.040.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.64.040 and 1993 c 294 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The hearing on the petition shall be before a ((judge))
7 judicial officer, sitting without a jury. Prior to the presentation
8 of proof the ((judge)) judicial officer shall determine
9 whether: (1) The petitioning minor understands the consequences of
10 the petition regarding his or her legal rights and
11 responsibilities; (2) a guardian ad litem should be appointed to
12 investigate the allegations of the petition and file a report with
13 the court.

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