

1 **SSB 5811** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 4/11/03**
2 By Committee on Children & Family Services

3 On page 1, beginning on line 4, strike all of section 1 and
4 insert:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a large
6 group of children spend a significant part of their lives in foster
7 care. Each individual connected to a child in an out-of-home
8 placement must have an abiding appreciation of the seriousness of
9 the child's separation from his or her family and the past, whether
10 that separation is short, long, or permanent in nature. It is the
11 intent of the legislature to recognize and honor the history and
12 the family connections that each child brings to an out-of-home
13 placement.

14 The legislature finds that creating and sanctioning a
15 connection between a child's birth parents and foster family, when
16 appropriate, can result in better relationships among birth
17 families, children, foster families, and social workers. Creating
18 and sanctioning this connection can result in greater foster
19 placement stability and fewer disruptions for children, as well as
20 greater satisfaction for foster parents and social workers."

EFFECT: Replaces intent language.