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1 AN ACT Relating to petitions for nonparental custody of a child;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 26.10 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.10 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A party seeking a custody order shall submit, along with his or
7 her motion, an affidavit declaring that the child is not in the
8 physical custody of one of its parents or that neither parent is a
9 suitable custodian and setting forth facts supporting the requested
10 order. The party seeking custody shall give notice, along with a copy
11 of the affidavit, to other parties to the proceedings, who may file
12 opposing affidavits.

13 (2) The court shall deny the motion unless it finds that adequate
14 cause for hearing the motion is established by the affidavits, in which
15 case it shall set a date for hearing on an order to show cause why the
16 requested order should not be granted.

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