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**By** Senators Stevens, Hargrove, McAuliffe, Parlette, Eide, Schmidt, Deccio, Kastama, Regala, Sheahan, Rasmussen and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of out-of-home placement; and  
2 amending RCW 74.14C.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.14C.010 and 1996 c 240 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Department" means the department of social and health  
9 services.

10 (2) "Community support systems" means the support that may be  
11 organized through extended family members, friends, neighbors,  
12 religious organizations, community programs, cultural and ethnic  
13 organizations, or other support groups or organizations.

14 (3) "Family preservation services" means in-home or community-based  
15 services drawing on the strengths of the family and its individual  
16 members while addressing family needs to strengthen and keep the family  
17 together where possible and may include:

18 (a) Respite care of children to provide temporary relief for  
19 parents and other caregivers;

1 (b) Services designed to improve parenting skills with respect to  
2 such matters as child development, family budgeting, coping with  
3 stress, health, safety, and nutrition; and

4 (c) Services designed to promote the well-being of children and  
5 families, increase the strength and stability of families, increase  
6 parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities,  
7 promote a safe, stable, and supportive family environment for children,  
8 and otherwise enhance children's development.

9 Family preservation services shall have the characteristics  
10 delineated in RCW 74.14C.020 (2) and (3).

11 (4) "Imminent" means a decision has been made by the department  
12 that, without intensive family preservation services, a petition  
13 requesting the removal of a child from the family home will be  
14 immediately filed under chapter 13.32A or 13.34 RCW, or that a  
15 voluntary placement agreement will be immediately initiated.

16 (5) "Intensive family preservation services" means community-based  
17 services that are delivered primarily in the home, that follow  
18 intensive service models with demonstrated effectiveness in reducing or  
19 avoiding the need for unnecessary imminent out-of-home placement, and  
20 that have all of the characteristics delineated in RCW 74.14C.020 (1)  
21 and (3).

22 (6) "Out-of-home placement" means a placement in a foster family  
23 home or group care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW (~~or~~  
24 ~~placement in a home, other than that of the child's parent, guardian,~~  
25 ~~or legal custodian, not required to be licensed pursuant to chapter~~  
26 ~~74.15 RCW~~)).

27 (7) "Paraprofessional worker" means any individual who is trained  
28 and qualified to provide assistance and community support systems  
29 development to families and who acts under the supervision of a  
30 preservation services therapist. The paraprofessional worker is not  
31 intended to replace the role and responsibilities of the preservation  
32 services therapist.

33 (8) "Preservation services" means family preservation services and  
34 intensive family preservation services that consider the individual  
35 family's cultural values and needs.

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