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Sponsor(s): Representatives Carrell, Boldt, Mielke, Pearson and Priest

Brief Description: Concerning nonparent visitation rights.

HB 2314 - DIGEST

Affirms that parents have a paramount right to raise their minor children, including a fundamental right to provide the care, guidance, and discipline necessary to prepare their children for a productive, fulfilling life.

Recognizes that ensuring this paramount right of parents is in the best interest of the families and minor children of the state of Washington.

Recognizes that in certain circumstances a minor child's interest in maintaining strong emotional bonds that the child has developed with others and relies upon should be considered. The legislature intends to establish consistent and rigorous standards that must be met for a nonparent to obtain visitation with a minor child.