

**HB 3153-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department to retain records indefinitely regarding child abuse and neglect referrals that, after investigation, result in: (1) A founded complaint or for which the evidence indicates that more likely than not the abuse or neglect occurred; or

(2) A termination of parental rights under chapter 13.34 RCW.

Requires records to be maintained, electronically or otherwise, in such a manner that the department can identify persons by name and date of birth or by another means permitted by law. The department shall use the information contained in the records when making decisions related to child day care, adoptions, and out-of-home placements.