(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Allows a youth reaching age eighteen to continue in foster care or group care as needed to participate in or complete a high school or posthigh school academic or vocational program, and to receive necessary support and transition services. A youth who remains eligible for such placement and services under department rules may continue in foster care or group care until the youth reaches his or her twenty-first birthday.

Declares that nothing in this act shall be construed to create: (1) An entitlement to services;

- (2) Judicial authority to extend the jurisdiction of juvenile court in a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW to a youth who has attained eighteen years of age or to order the provision of services to the youth; or
- (3) A private right of action or claim on the part of any individual, entity, or agency against the department of social and health services or any contractor of the department.

Authorizes the department of social and health services to adopt rules establishing eligibility for independent living services and placement for youths under this act.