

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1334**

60th Legislature  
2007 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 19, 2007  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 19, 2007  
Yeas 40 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1334** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by  
Representatives Hinkle and Walsh)

READ FIRST TIME 2/28/07.

1            AN ACT Relating to documentation in child welfare proceedings;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 13.34 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in order to allow  
5 courts to make well-informed placement decisions for children in the  
6 care of the state, the courts must have accurate information, including  
7 documentation supporting assertions or recommendations made by social  
8 workers, when appropriate.

9            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11            In any proceeding under this chapter, if the department submits a  
12 report to the court in which the department is recommending a new  
13 placement or a change in placement, the department shall include the  
14 documents relevant to persons in the home in which a child will be  
15 placed and listed in subsections (1) through (5) of this section to the  
16 report. The department shall include only these relevant documents and  
17 shall not attach the entire history of the subject of the report.

1 (1) If the report contains a recommendation, opinion, or assertion  
2 by the department relating to substance abuse treatment, mental health  
3 treatment, anger management classes, or domestic violence classes, the  
4 department shall attach the document upon which the recommendation,  
5 opinion, or assertion was based. The documentation may include the  
6 progress report or evaluation submitted by the provider, but may not  
7 include the entire history with the provider.

8 (2) If the report contains a recommendation, opinion, or assertion  
9 by the department relating to visitation with a child, the department  
10 shall attach the document upon which the recommendation, opinion, or  
11 assertion was based. The documentation may include the most recent  
12 visitation report, a visitation report referencing a specific incident  
13 alleged in the report, or summary of the visitation prepared by the  
14 person who supervised the visitation. The documentation attached to  
15 the report shall not include the entire visitation history.

16 (3) If the report contains a recommendation, opinion, or assertion  
17 by the department relating to the psychological status of a person, the  
18 department shall attach the document upon which the recommendation,  
19 opinion, or assertion was based. The documentation may include the  
20 progress report, evaluation, or summary submitted by the provider, but  
21 shall not include the entire history of the person.

22 (4) If the report contains a recommendation, opinion, or assertion  
23 by the department relating to injuries to a child, the department shall  
24 attach a summary of the physician's report, prepared by the physician  
25 or the physician's designee, relating to the recommendation, opinion,  
26 or assertion by the department.

27 (5) If the report contains a recommendation, opinion, or assertion  
28 by the department relating to a home study, licensing action, or  
29 background check information, the department shall attach the document  
30 or documents upon which that recommendation, opinion, or assertion is  
31 based.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall be known and cited as the  
33 Rafael Gomez act.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
35 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by

1 June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
2 void.

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