

HB 2760-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a child who is age twelve years or older and who is the subject of a dependency under chapter 13.34 RCW has the following rights with respect to all hearings conducted on his or her behalf under this act: (1) The right to receive notice of the proceedings and hearings;

(2) The right to be present at hearings; and

(3) The right to be heard personally.

Provides at the request of the child, the child's guardian ad litem or attorney, or upon the court's own motion, the court may conduct an interview with the child in chambers to ascertain the child's wishes as to the issues pending before the court. The court may permit counsel to be present at the interview. The court shall cause a record of the interview to be made and to be made part of the record in the case.