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By Senators Stevens, Hargrove, Regala, McAuliffe, Carrell, Brandland, and King

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1 AN ACT Relating to subsequent foster family home placements; and
2 amending RCW 74.13.290.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.13.290 and 1990 c 284 s 11 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) To provide stability to children in out-of-home care, placement
7 selection shall be made with a view toward the fewest possible
8 placements for each child. If possible, the initial placement shall be
9 viewed as the only placement for the child. The use of short-term
10 interim placements of thirty days or less to protect the child's health
11 or safety while the placement of choice is being arranged is not a
12 violation of this principle.

13 (2) If a child has been previously placed in out-of-home care and
14 is subsequently returned to out-of-home care, the department shall
15 place the child with a relative as required in RCW 13.34.130. If,
16 after due diligence by the department, an appropriate relative cannot
17 be located or is otherwise unavailable or inappropriate, the department
18 shall place the child in the foster family home in which he or she was

1 previously placed, if applicable, unless such placement would not be in
2 the child's best interest.

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