

HB 1680 - DIGEST

Declares an intent to: (1) Overrule *Tyner v. DSHS* and other cases in which the courts have held that chapter 26.44 RCW (abuse of children) creates an implied right of action for parents or other caretakers who are alleged abusers;

(2) Codify certain portions of the holdings in *M. W. v. DSHS* and *Roberson V. Perez* relating to tort liability;

(3) Clarify that child abuse investigators are entitled to the same witness immunity as other witnesses in court proceedings and liability shall not be imposed on the state in cases where the department of social and health services or child abuse investigators are following orders of the court; and

(4) Protect interests of the parents through certain judicial review and other procedures.