

**HB 2509 - H AMD 715**

By Representative Hayes

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1 On page 1, line 7, after (1) insert "(a)"

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3 On page 1, line 9, after "make, or" insert "knowingly"

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5 On page 1, line 9, after "such report," strike all material  
6 through "report" on line 10

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8 On page 1, line 11, after "a" strike "~~((gross))~~"

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10 On page 1, after line 11, insert the following:

11 "(b) Any person who knowingly obstructs the duty of a mandatory  
12 reporter to make a report pursuant to RCW 26.44.030 and 26.44.040  
13 shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor."

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15 On page 1, line 12, after "(2)" strike "Every" and insert "A  
16 class 1 civil infraction may be issued pursuant to chapter 7.80 RCW  
17 to any"

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19 On page 1, beginning on line 14, after "negligence," strike  
20 "shall be guilty of an infraction"

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22 On page 1, beginning on line 17, after "7.80 RCW" strike all  
23 material through "fifty dollars"

EFFECT: Decreases the criminal penalty for failing to make, or failing to cause to be made, a mandatory report of child abuse or neglect from a gross misdemeanor to a misdemeanor (the penalty for a person knowingly obstructing a mandatory reporter remains a gross misdemeanor). Clarifies that a civil infraction may be issued for a mandatory reporter who fails to report, or cause a report to be

made, due to negligence.

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