

**SSB 5890 - S AMD 223**

By Senator Billig

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1 On page 3, line 9, after "agencies", strike " and" and insert ",,"

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3 On page 3, line 10, after "advocates," insert "and biological  
4 parent advocates"

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6 On page 10, line 8, after "ombuds," strike "and"

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8 On page 10, line 8, after "advocate" insert ", and one biological  
9 parent advocate"

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11 On page 11, line 4, after "(c)", strike "The" and insert "In  
12 accordance with RCW 13.34.020 and RCW 74.14A.010, the goal of the  
13 child welfare system is to achieve reunification of children with  
14 their biological parents. With this goal in mind, the"

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16 On page 11, line 8, strike "the child", and insert "achieving this  
17 goal"

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19 On page 20, line 23, after "(17)", strike "The" and insert "In  
20 accordance with RCW 13.34.020 and RCW 74.14A.010, the goal of the  
21 child welfare system is to achieve reunification of children with  
22 their biological parents. With this goal in mind, the"

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24 On page 20, line 27, strike "the child", and insert "achieving  
25 this goal"

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27 EFFECT: Adds biological parent advocates to the group to

consult with DSHS to identify a system of support services to be provided to foster parents to assist them in their parental efforts with foster children and a plan to implement these services statewide.

Adds a biological parent advocate to the Case Review Panel that will review foster care cases where permanency has not been achieved for children within 12 months after being placed in out-of-home care.

Adds language that requires the court to keep the goal of achieving reunification of children with their biological parents in mind when weighing the importance of establishing timely permanency for a child when considering a request for a continuance of a permanency planning hearing or a review hearing.

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