

**ESSB 5599** - H AMD TO HSEL COMM AMD (H-1742.1/23) **671**

By Representative Couture

1 On page 1, line 3 of the striking amendment, after "**Sec. 1.**"  
2 insert "(1)"

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4 On page 1, after line 14 of the striking amendment, insert the  
5 following:

6 "(2) The legislature finds that, based on the United States  
7 Supreme Court ruling in *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57 (2000), the  
8 Constitution permits a State to interfere with the right of parents to  
9 rear their children only to prevent harm or potential harm to a child.  
10 Any legislation that goes further fails that standard because it  
11 requires no threshold showing of harm."

EFFECT: Adds language to the intent section stating that "The legislature finds that, based on the United States Supreme Court ruling in *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57 (2000), the Constitution permits a State to interfere with the right of parents to rear their children only to prevent harm or potential harm to a child. Any legislation that goes further fails that standard because it requires no threshold showing of harm."

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