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By House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Representatives Padden, Cooke, Goldsmith, Hickel, Lambert, Boldt, Sherstad, Thompson, Johnson, Fuhrman, Mulliken, McMahan, Koster, Hargrove, Pelesky, Sheahan, Backlund, McMorris, Huff, Talcott, Carrell, Casada, Honeyford, Clements, B. Thomas, Crouse, Campbell and D. Schmidt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to adoption; and adding a new section to chapter
2 26.33 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.33 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 An adoption shall not be delayed or denied on the basis of the
7 race, color, or national origin of the adoptive parent or the child
8 involved. When the department or an agency considers whether a
9 placement option is in a child's best interests, the department or
10 agency may consider the cultural, ethnic, or racial background of the
11 child and the capacity of prospective adoptive parents to meet the
12 needs of a child of this background. This provision shall not apply to
13 or affect the application of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25
14 U.S.C. Sec. 1901 et seq.

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