

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB388**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 08, 2019**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 388 seeks to codify case law and update proceedings as it relates to juvenile court proceedings, termination of parental rights, guardianship proceedings and exception hearings, including:

- Responsibility of the the "written independent living transition proposal" for state wards who are also in the juvenile justice system;
- Creates a requirement for regular exception hearings as it relates to termination of parental rights proceedings;
- Allows for permanency preference for foster parents when a child has been there for more than 12 months if certain conditions are met;
- Adds language governing guardianship proceedings, including a standard of clear and convincing evidence when terminating such agreements.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Sara Howard