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Good Morning.

Thank you for the opportunity today to testify in support of SB 84. This bill increases the requirements of what must be documented in case plans relating to the placement of children in foster care with relatives. The bill would require all relatives who were considered as a placement option to be listed. It would also require that if a relative was not selected, the reasons they were not selected would be required to be documented in the case plan.

I often hear from constituents who say they aren't made aware of what placement options are available to them, and if they were considered and denied, they claim they were never given a reason for the denial. This bill would require all of that information to be specifically delineated within the case plan, which would then be available to the interested parties of the case.

Thank You for your consideration of SB84.

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau

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