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CLERK'S ALERT

Non-Parental Custody Cases – Delay of Impending Law Change

The court has received notice that the current law regarding Non-Parental Custody, RCW 26.10, will remain in effect until at least January 30, 2021 and likely will be extended to June 30, 2021 for purposes of completing cases filed in 2020 or before.

If you have an active Non-Parental Custody matter pending before the Court, you were previously notified that your case would be dismissed if you did not conclude your case prior to December 31, 2020; in light of this new information, your case will not be dismissed until at least February 1, 2021 and, if the anticipated delay is enacted, will remain open until June 30, 2021.

You are still encouraged to move forward with finalizing your Non-Parental Custody matter as soon as possible. However, your case will remain open and any temporary orders will remain in place. A new alert will be issued when there is further information about when cases will be dismissed. **You will be provided with at least 30 days' notice prior to dismissal.**



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