

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/17, 4/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes the Department of Human Services to make rules and establish policies and procedures implementing adoptions governed by the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption and the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Originally designed for private adoptions from outside of the U.S.
- Companion bill HB 3471 requires certain conditions met prior to adoption

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces interstate with intercountry on line 19.

**BACKGROUND:** The Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (Hague Adoption Convention) is an international agreement to safeguard intercountry adoptions. Concluded on May 29, 1993 in The Hague, the Netherlands, the Convention establishes international standards of practices for intercountry adoptions. The United States signed the Convention in 1994, and the Convention entered into force for the United States in April 2008. The Intercountry Adoption Act, 42 U.S.C 14901 et seq codifies the Convention. SB 10A allows the Department of Human Services to make rules and policies consistent with The Hague Adoption Convention and the Intercountry Adoption Act.