



From the Desks of State Representative Duane Stark (HD-4)  
Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission – HB 4080

- Governor's Commission to allow accountability in connection with the executive branch agency – instead of legislative committee which might be more temporary.
- We already have a few other “Governor Commissions” – Foster Kids seem to be as much of a high priority if not more so than:

[Motorcycle Safety, Governor's Advisory Committee on](#)  
[Economic Advisors, Governor's Council of](#)  
[Fire Service Policy Council, Governor's](#)  
[Physical Fitness and Sports, Governor's Council on](#)  
[Governor's Commission on Senior Services](#)  
[DUII, Governor's Advisory Committee on](#)

- To work in an advisory role to the Governor and Department of Human Services Director on child foster care system including legislative recommendations, and study/report on DHS on policy matters.
- The commission will monitor caseload management, procedures for investigating abuses, licensing and supervising of foster care providers, and improving foster care services for children.
- The commission will look at accountability outcomes to measure things like how long children are in foster care, how many times they are transferred from one home to another, and the number of cases of abuse cases.
- Members will include foster parents and children, advocates, non-profit agency representatives, law enforcement, juvenile dependency attorneys, but no current employees of DHS.
- The commission will review reports and recommendations compiled by other agency and legislative task forces and committees working on foster and child welfare issues.