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Madam Speaker:

The Judiciary Committee recommends **H.B. 161**, RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN, by Representative L. Christensen, be replaced and reports a favorable recommendation on **2nd Sub. H.B. 161**, RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN with the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Lines 45 through 47:*

45           (1) {~~The full, balanced consideration and application of the principles and~~  
protections  
46           recognized and provided in state law constitutes the best interests of a child.  
47           —(2)—} Before the 2013 General Session of the Utah Legislature, the Judiciary, Law

2. *Page 3, Lines 64 through 70:*

64           (f) allowing increased opportunity for extended family members to help resolve  
65           parental deficiencies in their family without state interference, or loss of a child from the  
              entire  
66           family; {and}  
67           (g) whether the division should:  
68            {~~fi~~}    (i) be designated as an authorized lead entity and redirect its current  
              focus and  
69           practices in relation to federal law and the receipt of federal funding to strengthen families  
              and  
70           prevent child abuse under 42 U.S.C. 5116; and

3. *Page 3, Lines 74 through 75:*

74           unification to the fullest extent possible and as described in the January 2011 legislative  
              audit ;  
              (h) the full, balanced consideration and application of the principles and  
              protections recognized and provided in state law constitutes the best interest of a  
              child .  
75            {~~3~~}    (2) The division shall provide the interim committee with:

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4. *Page 3, Lines 79 through 81:*

79 practices of the state.

80           ~~{(4)}~~ (3) The interim committee may request additional information from  
the division, as

81 necessary to fulfill the requirements of this section.

Respectfully,

Kay L. McIff  
Committee Chair

Voting: 9-3-1

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