

Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In re:

Petitioner/s (as listed on the Petition):

And Respondent/s (as listed on the Petition):

No. _____

Order on Adequate Cause to Change a Parenting/Custody Order

(ORRACG / ORRACD / ORH: see 6)

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1. The (check one): Petitioner Respondent made a *Motion for Adequate Cause Decision* and the court finds there is reason to approve this order. (Check one):
- An adequate cause hearing was held.
 - The parties agree there is adequate cause (valid reasons) for the case to move forward, or any party not in agreement has been defaulted.

➤ **The Court Finds:**

2. Jurisdiction

- This court has jurisdiction over this case.
 - The parenting order was made by a Washington court, and the court still has authority to make orders for the children.
 - The parenting/custody order was **not** made by a Washington court, and
 - A court in the state (or tribe) that made the parenting order has made another order saying that it no longer has jurisdiction **or** that it is better to have this case decided in Washington;
 - No child, parent or person acting as a parent lives in the state (or tribal reservation) that made the order anymore.
 - The parenting /custody order was **not** made by a Washington court, and a Washington court can make decisions because the children are in this state now **and** were abandoned here **or** need emergency protection because the children (or the children's parent, brother or sister) were abused or threatened with abuse.

This order expires on (date): _____, unless the other state declines jurisdiction or this court enters an order extending emergency jurisdiction.

This court does **not** have jurisdiction over this case.

3. Timing of Adequate Cause Decision

The court **cannot** decide adequate cause yet because:

the deadline for filing a *Response* to the *Petition* has not passed.

other (*specify*): _____

The court **can** decide adequate cause because:

the deadline for filing a *Response* to the *Petition* has passed.

the motion was made by the party responding to the *Petition*.

other (*specify*): _____

4. Adequate Cause

There is **not** adequate cause (valid reasons) to hold a full hearing or trial about the *Petition*. The *Petition* should be dismissed.

There **is** adequate cause (valid reasons) to hold a full hearing or trial about the *Petition*.

The parties **agree** that there is adequate cause (valid reasons).

5. Other Findings (if any)

➤ **The Court Orders:**

6. Decision

No Adequate Cause – The *Petition to Change a Parenting Plan or Custody Order* is dismissed.

Adequate Cause Found –

The *Petition to Change a Parenting Plan or Custody Order* will move on to a full hearing or trial. The hearing or trial will take place (*check one*):

at a later date to be set by the court.

on (*date*): _____ at (*time*): _____ a.m. p.m.
in (*Court, Room/Dept.*): _____

on the date set by the case scheduling order made when the *Petition* was filed.

No further hearing or trial date is needed because the court is signing the *Final Order and Findings on Petition to Change a Parenting Plan or Custody Order*, and any other final orders today by agreement or default.

7. Other orders (if any)

Ordered.

_____ _____
Date *Judge or Commissioner*

Petitioner and Respondent or their lawyers fill out below.

This document (*check any that apply*):

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is an agreement of the parties

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may be signed by the court without notice to me

may be signed by the court without notice to me

Petitioner signs here or lawyer signs here WSBA #

Respondent signs here or lawyer signs here WSBA #

_____ *Print Name* _____ *Date*

_____ *Print Name* _____ *Date*