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Greetings, I'd like to offer the following comment on proposed RAP rules 18.13, and 18.13A,

I'm generally concerned that the acceleration of appeal process concerning juvenile dependency matters. The policy seems to come from the sole perspective of prospective adoptive parents, and not those of the biological parent, who in the case of amendment passage, will have less time to form their next appeal to retain parental rights, and may face disparately worse obstacles and complications to retaining those rights. Seeing as most of these children are already living with the people who are hoping to adopt, I don't see what the hurry is--or what the rationale is for elevating this among other matters that come before the courts.

Respectfully submitted,
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"Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning."

- Frederick Douglass, 1849

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