CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 2932

54th Legislature 1996 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 4, 1996 Yeas 90 Nays 3

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate February 29, 1996 Yeas 48 Nays 0

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE**BILL 2932 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk

Approved FILED

Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State State of Washington

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Sheahan, Smith and McMahan

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to resolving claims of illegal discrimination; and
- 2 adding a new section to chapter 49.60 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.60 RCW 5 to read as follows:
- 6 (1) The legislature finds that: (a) Equal protection under the law
- 7 is a fundamental principle of constitutional government essential to
- 8 the well-being and perpetuation of a free society; (b) governmental
- 9 entities should not engage in any discrimination prohibited by this
- 10 chapter; (c) governmental entities should review employment-related
- 11 practices to ensure discrimination prohibited by this chapter does not
- 12 occur; and (d) existing remedies for resolving claims of illegal
- 13 discrimination against public or private entities may unnecessarily
- 14 create a difficult, lengthy, and costly process for all parties
- 15 involved.
- 16 (2) The commission is authorized, in addition to RCW 49.60.240 and
- 17 49.60.250, to offer alternative dispute resolution as a process through

- 1 which parties involved in a claim of illegal discrimination can attempt
- 2 to resolve the claim.

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