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By Senators Sheldon, Prentice, Wojahn, Thibaudeau, Fairley, Kohl, Rinehart, Spanel, Snyder, Winsley and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to communications between victims of sexual 2 assaults and their personal representatives; and amending RCW 3 70.125.060.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.125.060 and 1979 ex.s. c 219 s 6 are each amended 6 to read as follows:

7 (1) If the victim of a sexual assault so desires, a personal 8 representative of the victim's choice may accompany the victim to the 9 hospital or other health care facility, and to proceedings concerning 10 the alleged assault, including police and prosecution interviews and 11 court proceedings.

12 (2) A personal representative, as defined by RCW 70.125.030, of a 13 victim of sexual assault may not, without the consent of the victim, be 14 examined as to any communication made by the victim to the personal 15 representative.

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