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HOUSE BILL 2076

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By Representatives Boldt and Carrell

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1            AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the use of public funds to be used  
2 for domestic partner benefits; adding a new section to chapter 41.05  
3 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the  
6 family protection act.

7            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9            (1) Adult persons living in domestic relationships, other than a  
10 relationship recognized as a valid marriage within the state of  
11 Washington, may not be considered, in law or otherwise, as a legal  
12 spouse or as constituting a family for the purpose of qualifying for,  
13 or receiving, spousal or marital benefits, privileges, advantages, or  
14 entitlements that are paid for, directly or indirectly, in whole or in  
15 part, with public funds.

16            (2) The state of Washington, and its political subdivisions,  
17 including counties, cities, towns, school districts, and institutions  
18 of higher education, may not enact or enforce any policy that provides

1 adult persons living in domestic relationships, other than a  
2 relationship recognized as a valid marriage within the state of  
3 Washington, with spousal or marital benefits, privileges, advantages,  
4 or entitlements that are paid for, directly or indirectly, in whole or  
5 in part, with public funds.

6 (3) Before entering into a contractual relationship with the state  
7 of Washington, or its political subdivisions, including counties,  
8 cities, towns, school districts, and institutions of higher education,  
9 to provide goods or services of any kind, a private entity must certify  
10 that it does not have or implement any policy that provides adult  
11 persons, employed by the private entity, who are living in domestic  
12 relationships other than a relationship that constitutes a valid  
13 marriage within the state of Washington, with spousal or marital  
14 benefits, privileges, advantages, or entitlements.

15 (4) The state of Washington, and its political subdivisions,  
16 including counties, cities, towns, school districts, and institutions  
17 of higher education, may not enter into a contractual relationship for  
18 the provision of goods or services of any kind with a private entity,  
19 until the private entity has certified that it does not, directly or  
20 indirectly, have or implement any policy that provides adult persons,  
21 employed by the private entity, who are living in domestic  
22 relationships, other than a relationship that constitutes a valid  
23 marriage within the state of Washington, with spousal or marital  
24 benefits, privileges, advantages, or entitlements.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The provisions of this act are to be  
26 liberally construed to effectuate the policies and purposes of this  
27 act. In the event of conflict between this act and any other provision  
28 of state law, the provisions of this act shall govern.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its  
30 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
31 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
32 persons or circumstances is not affected.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
34 preservation of the public peace, health, morals, or safety, or support

1 of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
2 effect immediately.

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