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Sponsor(s): Senator Stevens

Brief Title: Requiring a petition for divorce.

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Declares that, for the purposes of RCW 26.09.030, a marriage is irretrievably broken when reasonable grounds exist. Reasonable grounds include the following: (1) The other party was infected with a sexually transmitted disease before or after the marriage, which disease was not contracted from the spouse filing the petition, and was not known to the spouse filing the petition for divorce at the time the marriage was solemnized;

(2) the spouse filing the petition for divorce or legal separation has been abandoned by the other spouse for one or more years preceding the filing of the petition;

(3) the other party is habitually addicted to alcohol or drugs;

(4) imprisonment of the other party in a state, federal, or foreign prison for two or more years, during which time the petition for divorce or legal separation is filed;

(5) treatment of the petitioning spouse, or a family member residing in the home of the parties, by the other party, which constitutes physical abuse, extreme mental cruelty, or sexual abuse;

(6) determination that the other party suffers from a mental disorder or is criminally insane and is committed under the commitment laws set forth in RCW 71.05.030; or

(7) incompatibility of husband and wife characterized by infidelity, rift, discord, or conflict, which has destroyed their relationship as husband and wife and no reasonable possibility for reconciliation exists, and if the conditions set forth in RCW 26.09.030 have been met.

Provides for divorce proceedings, in addition to dissolution proceedings.