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HOUSE BILL 2882

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By Representatives Esser and Lantz

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1            AN ACT Relating to the admissibility of confessions and admissions  
2 in criminal and juvenile offense proceedings; and adding a new section  
3 to chapter 10.58 RCW.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 10.58 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            In all criminal and juvenile offense proceedings where independent  
8 proof of the corpus delicti is absent, a lawfully obtained confession  
9 or admission of the defendant nevertheless shall be admitted into  
10 evidence if there is substantial independent evidence that would tend  
11 to establish the trustworthiness of the confession or admission.

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