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Sponsor(s): Senators Regala, Deccio, Fraser and Thibaudeau

Brief Description: Requiring use of respectful language in the Revised Code of Washington regarding individuals with disabilities.

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Recognizes that language used in reference to individuals with disabilities shapes and reflects society's attitudes towards people with disabilities. Many of the terms currently used diminish the humanity and natural condition of having a disability. Certain terms are demeaning and create an invisible barrier to inclusion as equal community members.

Finds it necessary to clarify preferred language for new and revised laws by requiring the use of terminology that puts the person before the disability.