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President of the Senate

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1296** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

Chief Clerk

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By Representatives Lovick, Flannigan, Williams, Priest and Serben

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1 AN ACT Relating to jurisdiction for antiharassment protection
2 orders; and amending RCW 10.14.150 and 10.14.160.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.14.150 and 1999 c 170 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The district courts shall have jurisdiction and cognizance of
7 any civil actions and proceedings brought under this chapter, except
8 the district court shall transfer such actions and proceedings to the
9 superior court when it is shown that the respondent to the petition is
10 under eighteen years of age.

11 (2) Municipal courts may exercise jurisdiction and cognizance of
12 any civil actions and proceedings brought under this chapter by
13 adoption of local court rule, except the municipal court shall transfer
14 such actions and proceedings to the superior court when it is shown
15 that the respondent to the petition is under eighteen years of age.

16 (3) Superior courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction to receive
17 transfer of antiharassment petitions in cases where a district or
18 municipal court judge makes findings of fact and conclusions of law

1 showing that meritorious reasons exist for the transfer. The municipal
2 and district courts shall have jurisdiction and cognizance of any
3 criminal actions brought under RCW 10.14.120 and 10.14.170.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 10.14.160 and 1992 c 127 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter an action may be brought in:

7 (1) The judicial district of the county in which the alleged acts
8 of unlawful harassment occurred;

9 (2) The judicial district of the county where any respondent
10 resides at the time the petition is filed; (~~(or)~~)

11 (3) The judicial district of the county where a respondent may be
12 served if it is the same county or judicial district where a respondent
13 resides;

14 (4) The municipality in which the alleged acts of unlawful
15 harassment occurred;

16 (5) The municipality where any respondent resides at the time the
17 petition is filed; or

18 (6) The municipality where a respondent may be served if it is the
19 same county or judicial district where a respondent resides.

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