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1 AN ACT Relating to further expanding the rights and
2 responsibilities of state registered domestic partners; amending RCW
3 2.10.030, 6.27.140, 10.77.205, 11.88.030, 26.60.040, 26.60.090,
4 41.05.066, 41.16.010, 41.18.010, 49.78.020, 65.12.035, 71.05.425,
5 72.09.015, 72.09.712, 72.36.115, 77.36.010, 83.100.046, 83.100.047, and
6 84.04.050; adding a new section to chapter 26.60 RCW; adding a new
7 section to chapter 34.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 1.12 RCW;
8 adding a new section to chapter 1.16 RCW; adding a new section to
9 chapter 2.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 2.12 RCW; adding a
10 new section to chapter 2.14 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 2.56
11 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW; adding a new section to
12 chapter 4.28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 5.44 RCW; adding a
13 new section to chapter 6.15 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 6.27
14 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 7.08 RCW; adding a new section to
15 chapter 7.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.58 RCW; adding a
16 new section to chapter 9.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.68A
17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; adding a new section to
18 chapter 9A.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9A.40 RCW; adding a
19 new section to chapter 9A.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9A.76
20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 10.77 RCW; adding a new section to
21 chapter 10.95 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 10.99 RCW; adding a

1 new section to chapter 10.101 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
2 11.40 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.42 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 11.66 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.68
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.88 RCW; adding a new section to
5 chapter 11.94 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.95 RCW; adding a
6 new section to chapter 11.98 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
7 11.104A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.108 RCW; adding a new
8 section to chapter 13.34 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 13.40
9 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 13.64 RCW; adding a new section to
10 chapter 18.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.35 RCW; adding a
11 new section to chapter 18.51 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.96
12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.118 RCW; adding a new section
13 to chapter 18.120 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.09 RCW;
14 adding a new section to chapter 19.16 RCW; adding a new section to
15 chapter 19.36 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.40 RCW; adding a
16 new section to chapter 19.72 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.98
17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.120 RCW; adding a new section
18 to chapter 19.205 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.220 RCW;
19 adding a new section to chapter 19.225 RCW; adding a new section to
20 chapter 21.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 21.35 RCW; adding a
21 new section to chapter 23B.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
22 23B.19 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.09 RCW; adding a new
23 section to chapter 26.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.26
24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.27 RCW; adding a new section to
25 chapter 26.28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.33 RCW; adding a
26 new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
27 28B.15 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding a new
28 section to chapter 30.22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 31.12
29 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to
30 chapter 35.54 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.01 RCW; adding
31 a new section to chapter 36.17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
32 36.88 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 38.42 RCW; adding a new
33 section to chapter 38.52 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.04
34 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; adding a new section to
35 chapter 41.06 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.16 RCW; adding a
36 new section to chapter 41.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.20
37 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.24 RCW; adding a new section to
38 chapter 41.26 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.28 RCW; adding a

1 new section to chapter 41.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.34
2 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.35 RCW; adding a new section to
3 chapter 41.37 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.40 RCW; adding a
4 new section to chapter 41.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.50
5 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.54 RCW; adding a new section to
6 chapter 41.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 42.23 RCW; adding a
7 new section to chapter 42.52 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
8 43.20B RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW; adding a new
9 section to chapter 43.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.180
10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.215 RCW; adding a new section
11 to chapter 43.235 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW;
12 adding a new section to chapter 48.17 RCW; adding a new section to
13 chapter 48.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a
14 new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
15 48.21A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.22 RCW; adding a new
16 section to chapter 48.23 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.24
17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.25 RCW; adding a new section to
18 chapter 48.29 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.30 RCW; adding a
19 new section to chapter 48.41 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.43
20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new section to
21 chapter 48.46 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.66 RCW; adding a
22 new section to chapter 48.76 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.12
23 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.48 RCW; adding a new section to
24 chapter 49.74 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.77 RCW; adding a
25 new section to chapter 49.78 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.86
26 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 50.04 RCW; adding a new section to
27 chapter 51.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 59.18 RCW; adding a
28 new section to chapter 59.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 59.21
29 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 59.22 RCW; adding a new section to
30 chapter 62A.1 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 65.12 RCW; adding a
31 new section to chapter 66.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 67.70
32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 68.04 RCW; adding a new section to
33 chapter 70.02 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.24 RCW; adding a
34 new section to chapter 70.47 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
35 70.47A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.58 RCW; adding a new
36 section to chapter 70.122 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.128
37 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.190 RCW; adding a new section
38 to chapter 71.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 71.09 RCW; adding

1 a new section to chapter 71.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
2 71.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 71A.20 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 72.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.09
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.23 RCW; adding a new section to
5 chapter 72.36 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.64 RCW; adding a
6 new section to chapter 72.66 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 73.16
7 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.04 RCW; adding a new section to
8 chapter 74.08A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; adding
9 a new section to chapter 74.09A RCW; adding a new section to chapter
10 74.13 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.15 RCW; adding a new
11 section to chapter 74.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.20A
12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.34 RCW; adding a new section to
13 chapter 74.41 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.08 RCW; adding a
14 new section to chapter 79A.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
15 80.28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 81.28 RCW; adding a new
16 section to chapter 81.80 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.08
17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 83.100 RCW; adding a new section
18 to chapter 83.110A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 84.04 RCW;
19 adding a new section to chapter 85.38 RCW; adding a new section to
20 chapter 87.03 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 89.12 RCW; adding a
21 new section to chapter 91.08 RCW; repealing RCW 26.60.050 and
22 26.60.055; and providing effective dates.

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

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.60 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 It is the intent of the legislature that for all purposes under
27 state law, state registered domestic partners shall be treated the same
28 as married spouses. Any privilege, immunity, right, benefit, or
29 responsibility granted or imposed by statute, administrative or court
30 rule, policy, common law or any other law to an individual because the
31 individual is or was a spouse, or because the individual is or was an
32 in-law in a specified way to another individual, is granted on
33 equivalent terms, substantive and procedural, to an individual because
34 the individual is or was in a state registered domestic partnership or
35 because the individual is or was, based on a state registered domestic
36 partnership, related in a specified way to another individual. The

1 provisions of this act shall be liberally construed to achieve equal
2 treatment, to the extent not in conflict with federal law, of state
3 registered domestic partners and married spouses.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this
7 specific purpose, agencies shall amend their rules to reflect the
8 intent of the legislature to ensure that all privileges, immunities,
9 rights, benefits, or responsibilities granted or imposed by statute to
10 an individual because that individual is or was a spouse in a marital
11 relationship are granted or imposed on equivalent terms to an
12 individual because that individual is or was in a state registered
13 domestic partnership.

14 (2) All agency orders creating new rules, or amending existing
15 rules, shall be formulated to reflect the intent stated in subsection
16 (1) of this section.

17 (3) No agency rule is invalid because it does not comply with this
18 section.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 1.12 RCW
20 to read as follows:

21 For the purposes of this code, with the exception of chapter 26.04
22 RCW, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow,
23 widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying
24 equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in
25 state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital
26 relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of
27 marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships
28 that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent
29 that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where
30 necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband
31 and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to
32 be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered
33 domestic partnerships.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 1.16 RCW
35 to read as follows:

1 For the purposes of this code, with the exception of chapter 26.04
2 RCW, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow,
3 widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying
4 equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in
5 state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital
6 relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of
7 marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships
8 that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent
9 that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where
10 necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband
11 and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to
12 be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered
13 domestic partnerships.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 2.10 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
17 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
18 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
19 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
20 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
21 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
22 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
23 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
24 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
25 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
26 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
27 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

28 **Sec. 6.** RCW 2.10.030 and 1997 c 88 s 5 are each amended to read as
29 follows:

30 (1) "Retirement system" means the "Washington judicial retirement
31 system" provided herein.

32 (2) "Judge" means a person elected or appointed to serve as judge
33 of a court of record as provided in chapters 2.04, 2.06, and 2.08 RCW.
34 "Judge" does not include a person serving as a judge pro tempore except
35 for a judge pro tempore appointed under RCW 2.04.240(2) or 2.06.150(2).

1 (3) "Retirement board" means the "Washington judicial retirement
2 board" established herein.

3 (4) "Surviving spouse" means the surviving widow or widower or
4 surviving state registered domestic partner of a judge. "Surviving
5 spouse" does not include the divorced spouse of a judge or an
6 individual whose state registered domestic partnership with the judge
7 has been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated.

8 (5) "Retirement fund" means the "Washington judicial retirement
9 fund" established herein.

10 (6) "Beneficiary" means any person in receipt of a retirement
11 allowance, disability allowance or any other benefit described herein.

12 (7) "Monthly salary" means the monthly salary of the position held
13 by the judge.

14 (8) "Service" means all periods of time served as a judge, as
15 herein defined. Any calendar month at the beginning or end of a term
16 in which ten or more days are served shall be counted as a full month
17 of service: PROVIDED, That no more than one month's service may be
18 granted for any one calendar month. Only months of service will be
19 counted in the computation of any retirement allowance or other benefit
20 provided for in this chapter. Years of service shall be determined by
21 dividing the total months of service by twelve. Any fraction of a year
22 of service as so determined shall be taken into account in the
23 computation of such retirement allowance or benefit.

24 (9) "Final average salary" means (a) for a judge in service in the
25 same court for a minimum of twelve consecutive months preceding the
26 date of retirement, the salary attached to the position held by the
27 judge immediately prior to retirement; (b) for any other judge, the
28 average monthly salary paid over the highest twenty-four month period
29 in the last ten years of service.

30 (10) "Retirement allowance" for the purpose of applying cost of
31 living increases or decreases includes retirement allowances,
32 disability allowances and survivorship benefit.

33 (11) "Index" means for any calendar year, that year's annual
34 average consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical
35 workers, all items (1957-1959 equal one hundred) -- compiled by the
36 bureau of labor statistics, United States department of labor.

37 (12) "Accumulated contributions" means the total amount deducted

1 from the judge's monthly salary pursuant to RCW 2.10.090, together with
2 the regular interest thereon from July 1, 1988, as determined by the
3 director of the department of retirement systems.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 2.12 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
7 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
8 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
9 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
10 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
11 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
12 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
13 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
14 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
15 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
16 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
17 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 2.14 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
21 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
22 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
23 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
24 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
25 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
26 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
27 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
28 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
29 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
30 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
31 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 2.56 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
35 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall

1 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
2 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
3 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
4 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
5 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
6 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
7 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
8 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
9 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
10 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
14 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
15 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
16 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
17 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
18 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
19 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
20 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
21 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
22 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
23 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
24 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 4.28 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
28 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
29 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
30 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
31 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
32 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
33 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
34 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
35 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 5.44 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
7 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
8 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
9 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
10 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
11 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
12 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
13 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
14 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
15 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
16 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
17 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter 6.15 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
21 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
22 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
23 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
24 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
25 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
26 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
27 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
28 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
29 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
30 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
31 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** A new section is added to chapter 6.27 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
35 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall

1 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
2 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
3 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
4 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
5 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
6 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
7 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
8 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
9 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
10 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

11 **Sec. 15.** RCW 6.27.140 and 2003 c 222 s 6 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) The notice required by RCW 6.27.130(1) to be mailed to or
14 served on an individual judgment debtor shall be in the following form,
15 printed or typed in type no smaller than elite type:

16 NOTICE OF GARNISHMENT
17 AND OF YOUR RIGHTS

18 A Writ of Garnishment issued in a Washington court has been or
19 will be served on the garnishee named in the attached copy of
20 the writ. After receipt of the writ, the garnishee is required
21 to withhold payment of any money that was due to you and to
22 withhold any other property of yours that the garnishee held or
23 controlled. This notice of your rights is required by law.

24 YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTION RIGHTS:

25 WAGES. If the garnishee is your employer who owes wages or
26 other personal earnings to you, your employer is required to
27 pay amounts to you that are exempt under state and federal
28 laws, as explained in the writ of garnishment. You should
29 receive a copy of your employer's answer, which will show how
30 the exempt amount was calculated. If the garnishment is for
31 child support, the exempt amount paid to you will be forty
32 percent of wages due you, but if you are supporting a spouse,
33 state registered domestic partner, or dependent child, you are
34 entitled to claim an additional ten percent as exempt.

35 BANK ACCOUNTS. If the garnishee is a bank or other institution

1 with which you have an account in which you have deposited
2 benefits such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families,
3 Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security, veterans'
4 benefits, unemployment compensation, or a United States
5 pension, you may claim the account as fully exempt if you have
6 deposited only such benefit funds in the account. It may be
7 partially exempt even though you have deposited money from
8 other sources in the same account. An exemption is also
9 available under RCW 26.16.200, providing that funds in a
10 community bank account that can be identified as the earnings
11 of a stepparent are exempt from a garnishment on the child
12 support obligation of the parent.

13 OTHER EXEMPTIONS. If the garnishee holds other property of
14 yours, some or all of it may be exempt under RCW 6.15.010, a
15 Washington statute that exempts up to five hundred dollars of
16 property of your choice (including up to one hundred dollars in
17 cash or in a bank account) and certain property such as
18 household furnishings, tools of trade, and a motor vehicle (all
19 limited by differing dollar values).

20 HOW TO CLAIM EXEMPTIONS. Fill out the enclosed claim form and
21 mail or deliver it as described in instructions on the claim
22 form. If the plaintiff does not object to your claim, the
23 funds or other property that you have claimed as exempt must be
24 released not later than 10 days after the plaintiff receives
25 your claim form. If the plaintiff objects, the law requires a
26 hearing not later than 14 days after the plaintiff receives
27 your claim form, and notice of the objection and hearing date
28 will be mailed to you at the address that you put on the claim
29 form.

30 THE LAW ALSO PROVIDES OTHER EXEMPTION RIGHTS. IF NECESSARY, AN
31 ATTORNEY CAN ASSIST YOU TO ASSERT THESE AND OTHER RIGHTS, BUT
32 YOU MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY TO AVOID LOSS OF RIGHTS BY DELAY.

33 (2) The claim form required by RCW 6.27.130(1) to be mailed to or
34 served on an individual judgment debtor shall be in the following form,
35 printed or typed in type no smaller than elite type:

[Caption to be filled in by judgment creditor
or plaintiff before mailing.]

.....
Name of Court

..... No.....

Plaintiff,

vs.

..... EXEMPTION CLAIM

Defendant,

.....

Garnishee Defendant

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read this whole form after reading the enclosed notice. Then put an X in the box or boxes that describe your exemption claim or claims and write in the necessary information on the blank lines. If additional space is needed, use the bottom of the last page or attach another sheet.
2. Make two copies of the completed form. Deliver the original form by first-class mail or in person to the clerk of the court, whose address is shown at the bottom of the writ of garnishment. Deliver one of the copies by first-class mail or in person to the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are shown at the bottom of the writ. Keep the other copy. **YOU SHOULD DO THIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 28 DAYS (4 WEEKS) AFTER THE DATE ON THE WRIT.**

I/We claim the following money or property as exempt:

IF BANK ACCOUNT IS GARNISHED:

The account contains payments from:

- Temporary assistance for needy families, SSI, or other public assistance. I receive \$ monthly.

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2 Print: Your name If married or in a state
3 registered domestic
4 partnership,
5 name of husband/wife/state
6 registered domestic partner
7
8 Your signature Signature of husband
9 ((~~or~~), wife, or state
10 registered domestic partner
11
12
13 Address Address
14 (if different from yours)
15
16 Telephone number Telephone number
17 (if different from yours)

18 CAUTION: If the plaintiff objects to your claim, you will have to
19 go to court and give proof of your claim. For example, if you claim
20 that a bank account is exempt, you may have to show the judge your bank
21 statements and papers that show the source of the money you deposited
22 in the bank. Your claim may be granted more quickly if you attach
23 copies of such proof to your claim.

24 IF THE JUDGE DENIES YOUR EXEMPTION CLAIM, YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY THE
25 PLAINTIFF'S COSTS. IF THE JUDGE DECIDES THAT YOU DID NOT MAKE THE
26 CLAIM IN GOOD FAITH, HE OR SHE MAY DECIDE THAT YOU MUST PAY THE
27 PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY FEES.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. A new section is added to chapter 7.08 RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
31 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
32 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
33 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
34 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
35 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
36 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or

1 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
2 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
3 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
4 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
5 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 7.68 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
9 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
10 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
11 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
12 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
13 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
14 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
15 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
16 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
17 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
18 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
19 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** A new section is added to chapter 9.58 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
23 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
24 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
25 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
26 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
27 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
28 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
29 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
30 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
31 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
32 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
33 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** A new section is added to chapter 9.68 RCW
35 to read as follows:

1 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
2 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
3 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
4 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
5 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
6 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
7 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
8 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
9 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
10 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
11 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
12 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** A new section is added to chapter 9.68A RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
16 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
17 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
18 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
19 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
20 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
21 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
22 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
23 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
24 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
25 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
26 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** A new section is added to chapter 9.94A RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
30 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
31 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
32 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
33 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
34 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
35 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
36 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict

1 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
2 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
3 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
4 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.16 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
8 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
9 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
10 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
11 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
12 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
13 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
14 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
15 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
16 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
17 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
18 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 23.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.40 RCW
20 to read as follows:

21 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
22 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
23 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
24 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
25 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
26 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
27 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
28 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
29 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
30 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
31 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
32 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.44 RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,

1 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
2 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
3 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
4 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
5 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
6 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
7 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
8 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
9 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
10 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
11 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 25.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.76 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
15 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
16 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
17 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
18 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
19 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
20 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
21 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
22 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
23 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
24 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
25 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** A new section is added to chapter 10.77 RCW
27 to read as follows:

28 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
29 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
30 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
31 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
32 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
33 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
34 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
35 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
36 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 **Sec. 27.** RCW 10.77.205 and 2000 c 94 s 17 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) At the earliest possible date, and in no event later than
7 thirty days before conditional release, release, authorized furlough
8 pursuant to RCW 10.77.163, or transfer to a less-restrictive facility
9 than a state mental hospital, the superintendent shall send written
10 notice of the conditional release, release, authorized furlough, or
11 transfer of a person who has been found not guilty of a sex, violent,
12 or felony harassment offense by reason of insanity and who is now in
13 the custody of the department pursuant to this chapter, to the
14 following:

15 (i) The chief of police of the city, if any, in which the person
16 will reside; and

17 (ii) The sheriff of the county in which the person will reside.

18 (b) The same notice as required by (a) of this subsection shall be
19 sent to the following, if such notice has been requested in writing
20 about a specific person committed under this chapter:

21 (i) The victim of the crime for which the person was committed or
22 the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide;

23 (ii) Any witnesses who testified against the person in any court
24 proceedings; and

25 (iii) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney.
26 Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting the
27 notice, information regarding any other person specified in writing by
28 the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the notice are
29 confidential and shall not be available to the person committed under
30 this chapter.

31 (c) In addition to the notice requirements of (a) and (b) of this
32 subsection, the superintendent shall comply with RCW 10.77.163.

33 (d) The thirty-day notice requirement contained in (a) and (b) of
34 this subsection shall not apply to emergency medical furloughs.

35 (e) The existence of the notice requirements in (a) and (b) of this
36 subsection shall not require any extension of the release date in the
37 event the release plan changes after notification.

1 (2) If a person who has been found not guilty of a sex, violent, or
2 felony harassment offense by reason of insanity and who is committed
3 under this chapter escapes, the superintendent shall immediately
4 notify, by the most reasonable and expedient means available, the chief
5 of police of the city and the sheriff of the county in which the person
6 resided immediately before the person's arrest. If previously
7 requested, the superintendent shall also notify the witnesses and the
8 victim, if any, of the crime for which the person was committed or the
9 victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide. The superintendent
10 shall also notify appropriate persons pursuant to RCW 10.77.165. If
11 the person is recaptured, the secretary shall send notice to the
12 persons designated in this subsection as soon as possible but in no
13 event later than two working days after the department learns of such
14 recapture.

15 (3) If the victim, the victim's next of kin, or any witness is
16 under the age of sixteen, the notice required by this section shall be
17 sent to the parents or legal guardian of the child.

18 (4) The department shall send the notices required by this chapter
19 to the last address provided to the department by the requesting party.
20 The requesting party shall furnish the department with a current
21 address.

22 (5) For purposes of this section the following terms have the
23 following meanings:

- 24 (a) "Violent offense" means a violent offense under RCW 9.94A.030;
- 25 (b) "Sex offense" means a sex offense under RCW 9.94A.030;
- 26 (c) "Next of kin" means a person's spouse, state registered
27 domestic partner, parents, siblings, and children;
- 28 (d) "Authorized furlough" means a furlough granted after compliance
29 with RCW 10.77.163;
- 30 (e) "Felony harassment offense" means a crime of harassment as
31 defined in RCW 9A.46.060 that is a felony.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 28.** A new section is added to chapter 10.95 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
35 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
36 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
37 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships

1 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
2 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
3 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
4 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
5 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
6 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
7 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
8 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 29.** A new section is added to chapter 10.99 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
12 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
13 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
14 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
15 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
16 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
17 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
18 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
19 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
20 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
21 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
22 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 30.** A new section is added to chapter 10.101
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
26 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
27 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
28 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
29 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
30 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
31 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
32 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
33 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
34 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
35 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
36 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 34.** A new section is added to chapter 11.68 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 35.** A new section is added to chapter 11.88 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 **Sec. 36.** RCW 11.88.030 and 1996 c 249 s 8 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) Any person or entity may petition for the appointment of a
4 qualified person, trust company, national bank, or nonprofit
5 corporation authorized in RCW 11.88.020 as the guardian or limited
6 guardian of an incapacitated person. No liability for filing a
7 petition for guardianship or limited guardianship shall attach to a
8 petitioner acting in good faith and upon reasonable basis. A petition
9 for guardianship or limited guardianship shall state:

10 (a) The name, age, residence, and post office address of the
11 alleged incapacitated person;

12 (b) The nature of the alleged incapacity in accordance with RCW
13 11.88.010;

14 (c) The approximate value and description of property, including
15 any compensation, pension, insurance, or allowance, to which the
16 alleged incapacitated person may be entitled;

17 (d) Whether there is, in any state, a guardian or limited guardian,
18 or pending guardianship action for the person or estate of the alleged
19 incapacitated person;

20 (e) The residence and post office address of the person whom
21 petitioner asks to be appointed guardian or limited guardian;

22 (f) The names and addresses, and nature of the relationship, so far
23 as known or can be reasonably ascertained, of the persons most closely
24 related by blood ~~((or))~~, marriage, or state registered domestic
25 partnership to the alleged incapacitated person;

26 (g) The name and address of the person or facility having the care
27 and custody of the alleged incapacitated person;

28 (h) The reason why the appointment of a guardian or limited
29 guardian is sought and the interest of the petitioner in the
30 appointment, and whether the appointment is sought as guardian or
31 limited guardian of the person, the estate, or both;

32 (i) A description of any alternate arrangements previously made by
33 the alleged incapacitated person, such as trusts or powers of attorney,
34 including identifying any guardianship nominations contained in a power
35 of attorney, and why a guardianship is nevertheless necessary;

36 (j) The nature and degree of the alleged incapacity and the
37 specific areas of protection and assistance requested and the

1 limitation of rights requested to be included in the court's order of
2 appointment;

3 (k) The requested term of the limited guardianship to be included
4 in the court's order of appointment;

5 (1) Whether the petitioner is proposing a specific individual to
6 act as guardian ad litem and, if so, the individual's knowledge of or
7 relationship to any of the parties, and why the individual is proposed.

8 (2)(a) The attorney general may petition for the appointment of a
9 guardian or limited guardian in any case in which there is cause to
10 believe that a guardianship is necessary and no private party is able
11 and willing to petition.

12 (b) Prepayment of a filing fee shall not be required in any
13 guardianship or limited guardianship brought by the attorney general.
14 Payment of the filing fee shall be ordered from the estate of the
15 incapacitated person at the hearing on the merits of the petition,
16 unless in the judgment of the court, such payment would impose a
17 hardship upon the incapacitated person, in which case the filing shall
18 be waived.

19 (3) No filing fee shall be charged by the court for filing either
20 a petition for guardianship or a petition for limited guardianship if
21 the petition alleges that the alleged incapacitated person has total
22 assets of a value of less than three thousand dollars.

23 (4)(a) Notice that a guardianship proceeding has been commenced
24 shall be personally served upon the alleged incapacitated person and
25 the guardian ad litem along with a copy of the petition for appointment
26 of a guardian. Such notice shall be served not more than five court
27 days after the petition has been filed.

28 (b) Notice under this subsection shall include a clear and easily
29 readable statement of the legal rights of the alleged incapacitated
30 person that could be restricted or transferred to a guardian by a
31 guardianship order as well as the right to counsel of choice and to a
32 jury trial on the issue of incapacity. Such notice shall be in
33 substantially the following form and shall be in capital letters,
34 double-spaced, and in a type size not smaller than ten-point type:

35 IMPORTANT NOTICE

36 PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

37 A PETITION TO HAVE A GUARDIAN APPOINTED FOR YOU HAS BEEN FILED IN THE

1 COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT BY IF A GUARDIAN IS
2 APPOINTED, YOU COULD LOSE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- 3 (1) TO MARRY (~~OR~~), DIVORCE, OR ENTER INTO OR END A STATE
4 REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP;
- 5 (2) TO VOTE OR HOLD AN ELECTED OFFICE;
- 6 (3) TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR MAKE OR REVOKE A WILL;
- 7 (4) TO APPOINT SOMEONE TO ACT ON YOUR BEHALF;
- 8 (5) TO SUE AND BE SUED OTHER THAN THROUGH A GUARDIAN;
- 9 (6) TO POSSESS A LICENSE TO DRIVE;
- 10 (7) TO BUY, SELL, OWN, MORTGAGE, OR LEASE PROPERTY;
- 11 (8) TO CONSENT TO OR REFUSE MEDICAL TREATMENT;
- 12 (9) TO DECIDE WHO SHALL PROVIDE CARE AND ASSISTANCE;
- 13 (10) TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING SOCIAL ASPECTS OF YOUR LIFE.

14 UNDER THE LAW, YOU HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS.

15 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY A LAWYER OF YOUR OWN CHOOSING.
16 THE COURT WILL APPOINT A LAWYER TO REPRESENT YOU IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO
17 PAY OR PAYMENT WOULD RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL HARDSHIP TO YOU.

18 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR A JURY TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT YOU NEED
19 A GUARDIAN TO HELP YOU.

20 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT IN COURT AND TESTIFY WHEN THE HEARING
21 IS HELD TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT YOU NEED A GUARDIAN. IF A GUARDIAN AD
22 LITEM IS APPOINTED, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST THE COURT TO REPLACE
23 THAT PERSON.

24 (5) All petitions filed under the provisions of this section shall
25 be heard within sixty days unless an extension of time is requested by
26 a party or the guardian ad litem within such sixty day period and
27 granted for good cause shown. If an extension is granted, the court
28 shall set a new hearing date.

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 37. A new section is added to chapter 11.94 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
32 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
33 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
34 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
35 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
36 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 38.** A new section is added to chapter 11.95 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 39.** A new section is added to chapter 11.98 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 40.** A new section is added to chapter 11.104A
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 41.** A new section is added to chapter 11.108
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 42.** A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
32 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
33 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
34 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
35 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
36 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 43.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 44.** A new section is added to chapter 13.64 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 48.** A new section is added to chapter 18.96 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 49.** A new section is added to chapter 18.118
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 53.** A new section is added to chapter 19.36 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 54.** A new section is added to chapter 19.40 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 58.** A new section is added to chapter 19.205
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 59.** A new section is added to chapter 19.220
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 63.** A new section is added to chapter 23B.08
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 64.** A new section is added to chapter 23B.19
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 68.** A new section is added to chapter 26.27 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 69.** A new section is added to chapter 26.28 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 70.** A new section is added to chapter 26.33 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 **Sec. 71.** RCW 26.60.040 and 2007 c 156 s 5 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) Two persons desiring to become state registered domestic
18 partners who meet the requirements of RCW 26.60.030 may register their
19 domestic partnership by filing a declaration of state registered
20 domestic partnership with the secretary and paying the filing fee
21 established pursuant to subsection (4) of this section. The
22 declaration must be signed by both parties and notarized.

23 (2) Upon receipt of a signed, notarized declaration and the filing
24 fee, the secretary shall register the declaration and provide a
25 certificate of state registered domestic partnership to each party
26 named on the declaration.

27 (3) The secretary shall permanently maintain a record of each
28 declaration of state registered domestic partnership filed with the
29 secretary. The secretary has the authority to update the records to
30 reflect changes in the status of a state registered domestic
31 partnership, such as a change of address, name, dissolution, or death.
32 The secretary shall provide the state registrar of vital statistics
33 with records of declarations of state registered domestic partnerships.

34 (4) The secretary shall set by rule and collect a reasonable fee
35 for filing the declaration, calculated to cover the secretary's costs,
36 but not to exceed fifty dollars. Fees collected under this section are

1 expressly designated for deposit in the secretary of state's revolving
2 fund established under RCW 43.07.130.

3 **Sec. 72.** RCW 26.60.090 and 2008 c 6 s 1101 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 A legal union of two persons of the same sex, other than a
6 marriage, that was validly formed in another jurisdiction, and that is
7 substantially equivalent to a domestic partnership under this chapter,
8 shall be recognized as a valid domestic partnership in this state and
9 shall be treated the same as a domestic partnership registered in this
10 state regardless of whether it bears the name domestic partnership.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 73.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
14 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
15 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
16 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
17 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
18 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
19 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
20 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
21 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
22 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
23 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
24 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 74.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
28 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
29 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
30 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
31 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
32 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
33 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
34 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
35 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships. The rules and
4 time periods to establish residency that apply to spouses of Washington
5 residents shall apply equally to state registered domestic partners of
6 Washington residents.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 75.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 76.** A new section is added to chapter 30.22 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 77.** A new section is added to chapter 31.12 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 78.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 79.** A new section is added to chapter 35.54 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
32 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
33 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
34 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
35 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
36 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 80.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.01
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 81.** A new section is added to chapter 36.17 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 82.** A new section is added to chapter 36.88 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 83.** A new section is added to chapter 38.42 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 84.** A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
32 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
33 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
34 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
35 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
36 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 85.** A new section is added to chapter 41.04 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 86.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 **Sec. 87.** RCW 41.05.066 and 2007 c 156 s 9 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 A certificate of domestic partnership issued (~~(to a couple of the~~
4 ~~same sex)~~) under the provisions of RCW 26.60.030 shall be recognized as
5 evidence of a qualified (~~(same sex)~~) domestic partnership fulfilling
6 all necessary eligibility criteria for the partner of the employee to
7 receive benefits. Nothing in this section affects the requirements of
8 (~~(same sex)~~) domestic partners to complete documentation related to
9 federal tax status that may currently be required by the board for
10 employees choosing to make premium payments on a pretax basis.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 88.** A new section is added to chapter 41.06 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
14 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
15 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
16 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
17 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
18 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
19 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
20 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
21 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
22 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
23 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
24 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 89.** A new section is added to chapter 41.16 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
28 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
29 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
30 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
31 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
32 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
33 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
34 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
35 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 **Sec. 90.** RCW 41.16.010 and 2007 c 218 s 18 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 For the purpose of this chapter, unless clearly indicated by the
7 context, words and phrases shall have the following meaning:

8 (1) "Beneficiary" shall mean any person or persons designated by a
9 firefighter in a writing filed with the board, and who shall be
10 entitled to receive any benefits of a deceased firefighter under this
11 chapter.

12 (2) "Board" shall mean the municipal firefighters' pension board.

13 (3) "Child or children" shall mean a child or children unmarried
14 and under eighteen years of age.

15 (4) "Contributions" shall mean and include all sums deducted from
16 the salary of firefighters and paid into the fund as hereinafter
17 provided.

18 (5) "Disability" shall mean and include injuries or sickness
19 sustained as a result of the performance of duty.

20 (6) "Firefighter" shall mean any person regularly or temporarily,
21 or as a substitute, employed and paid as a member of a fire department,
22 who has passed a civil service examination for firefighter and who is
23 actively employed as a firefighter; and shall include any "prior
24 firefighter."

25 (7) "Fire department" shall mean the regularly organized, full
26 time, paid, and employed force of firefighters of the municipality.

27 (8) "Fund" shall mean the firefighters' pension fund created
28 herein.

29 (9) "Municipality" shall mean every city and town having a
30 regularly organized full time, paid, fire department employing
31 firefighters.

32 (10) "Performance of duty" shall mean the performance of work and
33 labor regularly required of firefighters and shall include services of
34 an emergency nature rendered while off regular duty, but shall not
35 include time spent in traveling to work before answering roll call or
36 traveling from work after dismissal at roll call.

1 (11) "Prior firefighter" shall mean a firefighter who was actively
2 employed as a firefighter of a fire department prior to the first day
3 of January, 1947, and who continues such employment thereafter.

4 (12) "Retired firefighter" shall mean and include a person employed
5 as a firefighter and retired under the provisions of chapter 50, Laws
6 of 1909, as amended.

7 (13) "Widow or widower" means the surviving wife ((~~or~~)), husband,
8 or state registered domestic partner of a retired firefighter who was
9 retired on account of length of service and who was lawfully married
10 to, or in a state registered domestic partnership with, such
11 firefighter; and whenever that term is used with reference to the wife
12 or former wife ((~~or~~)), husband or former husband, or current or former
13 state registered domestic partner of a retired firefighter who was
14 retired because of disability, it shall mean his or her lawfully
15 married wife ((~~or~~)), husband, or state registered domestic partner on
16 the date he or she sustained the injury or contracted the illness that
17 resulted in his or her disability. Said term shall not mean or include
18 a surviving wife ((~~or~~)), husband, or state registered domestic partner
19 who by process of law within one year prior to the retired
20 firefighter's death, collected or attempted to collect from him or her
21 funds for the support of herself or himself or for his or her children.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 91. A new section is added to chapter 41.18 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
25 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
26 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
27 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
28 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
29 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
30 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
31 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
32 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
33 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
34 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
35 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 **Sec. 92.** RCW 41.18.010 and 2007 c 218 s 41 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 For the purpose of this chapter, unless clearly indicated otherwise
4 by the context, words and phrases shall have the meaning hereinafter
5 ascribed.

6 (1) "Beneficiary" shall mean any person or persons designated by a
7 firefighter in a writing filed with the board, and who shall be
8 entitled to receive any benefits of a deceased firefighter under this
9 chapter.

10 (2) "Firefighter" means any person hereafter regularly or
11 temporarily, or as a substitute newly employed and paid as a member of
12 a fire department, who has passed a civil service examination for
13 firefighters and who is actively employed as a firefighter or, if
14 provided by the municipality by appropriate local legislation, as a
15 fire dispatcher: PROVIDED, Nothing in chapter 209, Laws of 1969 ex.
16 sess. shall impair or permit the impairment of any vested pension
17 rights of persons who are employed as fire dispatchers at the time
18 chapter 209, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. takes effect; and any person
19 heretofore regularly or temporarily, or as a substitute, employed and
20 paid as a member of a fire department, and who has contributed under
21 and been covered by the provisions of chapter 41.16 RCW as now or
22 hereafter amended and who has come under the provisions of this chapter
23 in accordance with RCW 41.18.170 and who is actively engaged as a
24 firefighter or as a member of the fire department as a firefighter or
25 fire dispatcher.

26 (3) "Retired firefighter" means and includes a person employed as
27 a firefighter and retired under the provisions of this chapter.

28 (4) "Basic salary" means the basic monthly salary, including
29 longevity pay, attached to the rank held by the retired firefighter at
30 the date of his or her retirement, without regard to extra compensation
31 which such firefighter may have received for special duties assignments
32 not acquired through civil service examination: PROVIDED, That such
33 basic salary shall not be deemed to exceed the salary of a battalion
34 chief.

35 (5) "Widow or widower" means the surviving spouse of a firefighter
36 and shall include the surviving wife (~~(or)~~), husband, or state
37 registered domestic partner of a firefighter, retired on account of
38 length of service, who was lawfully married to, or in a state

1 registered domestic partnership with, him or to her for a period of
2 five years prior to the time of his or her retirement; and the
3 surviving wife (~~(or)~~), husband, or state registered domestic partner of
4 a firefighter, retired on account of disability, who was lawfully
5 married to, or in a state registered domestic partnership with, him or
6 her at and prior to the time he or she sustained the injury or
7 contracted the illness resulting in his or her disability. The word
8 shall not mean the divorced wife or husband or former state registered
9 domestic partner of an active or retired firefighter.

10 (6) "Child" or "children" means a firefighter's child or children
11 under the age of eighteen years, unmarried, and in the legal custody of
12 such firefighter at the time of his death or her death.

13 (7) "Earned interest" means and includes all annual increments to
14 the firefighters' pension fund from income earned by investment of the
15 fund. The earned interest payable to any firefighter when he or she
16 leaves the service and accepts his or her contributions, shall be that
17 portion of the total earned income of the fund which is directly
18 attributable to each individual firefighter's contributions. Earnings
19 of the fund for the preceding year attributable to individual
20 contributions shall be allocated to individual firefighters' accounts
21 as of January 1st of each year.

22 (8) "Board" shall mean the municipal firefighters' pension board.

23 (9) "Contributions" shall mean and include all sums deducted from
24 the salary of firefighters and paid into the fund as hereinafter
25 provided.

26 (10) "Disability" shall mean and include injuries or sickness
27 sustained by a firefighter.

28 (11) "Fire department" shall mean the regularly organized, full
29 time, paid, and employed force of firefighters of the municipality.

30 (12) "Fund" shall have the same meaning as in RCW 41.16.010 as now
31 or hereafter amended. Such fund shall be created in the manner and be
32 subject to the provisions specified in chapter 41.16 RCW as now or
33 hereafter amended.

34 (13) "Municipality" shall mean every city, town and fire protection
35 district having a regularly organized full time, paid, fire department
36 employing firefighters.

37 (14) "Performance of duty" shall mean the performance of work or

1 labor regularly required of firefighters and shall include services of
2 an emergency nature normally rendered while off regular duty.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 93.** A new section is added to chapter 41.20 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 94.** A new section is added to chapter 41.24 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 95.** A new section is added to chapter 41.26 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 96.** A new section is added to chapter 41.28 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 97.** A new section is added to chapter 41.32 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 98.** A new section is added to chapter 41.34 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 99.** A new section is added to chapter 41.35 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 100.** A new section is added to chapter 41.37
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** A new section is added to chapter 41.40
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102.** A new section is added to chapter 41.44
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 103.** A new section is added to chapter 41.50
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 104.** A new section is added to chapter 41.54
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 105.** A new section is added to chapter 41.68
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 106.** A new section is added to chapter 42.23
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 107.** A new section is added to chapter 42.52
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 108.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20B
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 109.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 110.** A new section is added to chapter 43.56
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 111.** A new section is added to chapter 43.180
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 112.** A new section is added to chapter 43.215
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 113.** A new section is added to chapter 43.235
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 114.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 115.** A new section is added to chapter 48.17
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 116.** A new section is added to chapter 48.18
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 117.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 118.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 119.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21A
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 120.** A new section is added to chapter 48.22
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 121.** A new section is added to chapter 48.23
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 122.** A new section is added to chapter 48.24
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 123.** A new section is added to chapter 48.25
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 124.** A new section is added to chapter 48.29
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 125.** A new section is added to chapter 48.30
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 126.** A new section is added to chapter 48.41
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 127.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 128.** A new section is added to chapter 48.44
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 129.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 130.** A new section is added to chapter 48.66
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 131.** A new section is added to chapter 48.76
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 132.** A new section is added to chapter 49.12
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 133.** A new section is added to chapter 49.48
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 134.** A new section is added to chapter 49.74
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 135.** A new section is added to chapter 49.77
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 136.** A new section is added to chapter 49.78
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 **Sec. 137.** RCW 49.78.020 and 2006 c 59 s 2 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
27 this section apply throughout this chapter.

28 (1) "Child" means a biological, adopted, or foster child, a
29 stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco
30 parentis, who is: (a) Under eighteen years of age; or (b) eighteen
31 years of age or older and incapable of self-care because of a mental or
32 physical disability.

33 (2) "Department" means the department of labor and industries.

34 (3) "Director" means the director of the department.

35 (4)(a) "Employee" means a person who has been employed: (i) For at
36 least twelve months by the employer with respect to whom leave is

1 requested under RCW 49.78.220; and (ii) for at least one thousand two
2 hundred fifty hours of service with the employer during the previous
3 twelve-month period.

4 (b) "Employee" does not mean a person who is employed at a worksite
5 at which the employer as defined in (a) of this subsection employs less
6 than fifty employees if the total number of employees employed by that
7 employer within seventy-five miles of that worksite is less than fifty.

8 (5) "Employer" means: (a) Any person, firm, corporation,
9 partnership, business trust, legal representative, or other business
10 entity which engages in any business, industry, profession, or activity
11 in this state and includes any unit of local government including, but
12 not limited to, a county, city, town, municipal corporation, quasi-
13 municipal corporation, or political subdivision, which employs fifty or
14 more employees for each working day during each of twenty or more
15 calendar workweeks in the current or preceding calendar year; (b) the
16 state, state institutions, and state agencies; and (c) any unit of
17 local government including, but not limited to, a county, city, town,
18 municipal corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, or political
19 subdivision.

20 (6) "Employment benefits" means all benefits provided or made
21 available to employees by an employer, including group life insurance,
22 health insurance, disability insurance, sick leave, annual leave,
23 educational benefits, and pensions except benefits that are provided by
24 a practice or written policy of an employer or through an employee
25 benefit plan as defined in 29 U.S.C. Sec. 1002(3).

26 (7) "Family member" means a child, parent, ~~((or))~~ spouse, or state
27 registered domestic partner of an employee.

28 (8) "Health care provider" means: (a) A person licensed as a
29 physician under chapter 18.71 RCW or an osteopathic physician and
30 surgeon under chapter 18.57 RCW; (b) a person licensed as an advanced
31 registered nurse practitioner under chapter 18.79 RCW; or (c) any other
32 person determined by the director to be capable of providing health
33 care services.

34 (9) "Intermittent leave" is leave taken in separate blocks of time
35 due to a single qualifying reason.

36 (10) "Leave for a family member's serious health condition" means
37 leave as described in RCW 49.78.220(1)(c).

1 (11) "Leave for the birth or placement of a child" means leave as
2 described in RCW 49.78.220(1) (a) or (b).

3 (12) "Leave for the employee's serious health condition" means
4 leave as described in RCW 49.78.220(1)(d).

5 (13) "Parent" means the biological or adoptive parent of an
6 employee or an individual who stood in loco parentis to an employee
7 when the employee was a child.

8 (14) "Period of incapacity" means an inability to work, attend
9 school, or perform other regular daily activities because of the
10 serious health condition, treatment of that condition or recovery from
11 it, or subsequent treatment in connection with such inpatient care.

12 (15) "Reduced leave schedule" means a leave schedule that reduces
13 the usual number of hours per workweek, or hours per workday, of an
14 employee.

15 (16)(a) "Serious health condition" means an illness, injury,
16 impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves:

17 (i) Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical
18 care facility, including any period of incapacity; or

19 (ii) Continuing treatment by a health care provider. A serious
20 health condition involving continuing treatment by a health care
21 provider includes any one or more of the following:

22 (A) A period of incapacity of more than three consecutive calendar
23 days, and any subsequent treatment or period of incapacity relating to
24 the same condition, that also involves:

25 (I) Treatment two or more times by a health care provider, by a
26 nurse or physician's assistant under direct supervision of a health
27 care provider, or by a provider of health care services under orders
28 of, or on referral by, a health care provider; or

29 (II) Treatment by a health care provider on at least one occasion
30 which results in a regimen of continuing treatment under the
31 supervision of the health care provider;

32 (B) Any period of incapacity due to pregnancy, or for prenatal
33 care;

34 (C) Any period of incapacity or treatment for such incapacity due
35 to a chronic serious health condition. A chronic serious health
36 condition is one which:

37 (I) Requires periodic visits for treatment by a health care

1 provider, or by a nurse or physician's assistant under direct
2 supervision of a health care provider;

3 (II) Continues over an extended period of time, including recurring
4 episodes of a single underlying condition; and

5 (III) May cause episodic rather than a continuing period of
6 incapacity;

7 (D) A period of incapacity which is permanent or long-term due to
8 a condition for which treatment may not be effective. The employee or
9 family member must be under the continuing supervision of, but need not
10 be receiving active treatment by, a health care provider; or

11 (E) Any period of absence to receive multiple treatments, including
12 any period of recovery from the treatments, by a health care provider
13 or by a provider of health care services under orders of, or on
14 referral by, a health care provider, either for restorative surgery
15 after an accident or other injury, or for a condition that would likely
16 result in a period of incapacity of more than three consecutive
17 calendar days in the absence of medical intervention or treatment, such
18 as cancer, severe arthritis, or kidney disease.

19 (b) Treatment for purposes of (a) of this subsection includes, but
20 is not limited to, examinations to determine if a serious health
21 condition exists and evaluations of the condition. Treatment does not
22 include routine physical examinations, eye examinations, or dental
23 examinations. Under (a)(ii)(A)(II) of this subsection, a regimen of
24 continuing treatment includes, but is not limited to, a course of
25 prescription medication or therapy requiring special equipment to
26 resolve or alleviate the health condition. A regimen of continuing
27 treatment that includes taking over-the-counter medications, such as
28 aspirin, antihistamines, or salves, or bed-rest, drinking fluids,
29 exercise, and other similar activities that can be initiated without a
30 visit to a health care provider, is not, by itself, sufficient to
31 constitute a regimen of continuing treatment for purposes of this
32 chapter.

33 (c) Conditions for which cosmetic treatments are administered are
34 not "serious health conditions" unless inpatient hospital care is
35 required or unless complications develop. Unless complications arise,
36 the common cold, the flu, ear aches, upset stomach, minor ulcers,
37 headaches other than migraine, routine dental or orthodontia problems,
38 and periodontal disease are examples of conditions that do not meet the

1 definition of a "serious health condition" and do not qualify for leave
2 under this chapter. Restorative dental or plastic surgery after an
3 injury or removal of cancerous growths are serious health conditions
4 provided all the other conditions of this section are met. Mental
5 illness resulting from stress or allergies may be serious health
6 conditions provided all the other conditions of this section are met.

7 (d) Substance abuse may be a serious health condition if the
8 conditions of this section are met. However, leave may only be taken
9 for treatment for substance abuse by a health care provider or by a
10 provider of health care services upon referral by a health care
11 provider. Absence from work because of the employee's use of the
12 substance, rather than for treatment, does not qualify for leave under
13 this chapter.

14 (e) Absences attributable to incapacity under (a)(ii)(B) or (C) of
15 this subsection qualify for leave under this chapter even though the
16 employee or the immediate family member does not receive treatment from
17 a health care provider during the absence, and even if the absence does
18 not last more than three days.

19 (17) "Spouse" means a husband or wife, as the case may be, or state
20 registered domestic partner.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 138.** A new section is added to chapter 49.86
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 139.** A new section is added to chapter 50.04
36 RCW to read as follows:

1 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
2 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
3 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
4 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
5 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
6 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
7 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
8 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
9 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
10 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
11 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
12 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 140.** A new section is added to chapter 51.08
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
16 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
17 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
18 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
19 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
20 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
21 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
22 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
23 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
24 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
25 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
26 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 141.** A new section is added to chapter 59.18
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
30 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
31 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
32 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
33 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
34 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
35 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
36 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict

1 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
2 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
3 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
4 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 142.** A new section is added to chapter 59.20
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
8 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
9 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
10 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
11 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
12 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
13 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
14 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
15 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
16 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
17 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
18 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 143.** A new section is added to chapter 59.21
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
22 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
23 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
24 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
25 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
26 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
27 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
28 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
29 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
30 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
31 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
32 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 144.** A new section is added to chapter 59.22
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,

1 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
2 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
3 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
4 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
5 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
6 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
7 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
8 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
9 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
10 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
11 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 145.** A new section is added to chapter 62A.1
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
15 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
16 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
17 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
18 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
19 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
20 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
21 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
22 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
23 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
24 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
25 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 146.** A new section is added to chapter 65.12
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
29 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
30 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
31 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
32 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
33 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
34 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
35 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
36 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 **Sec. 147.** RCW 65.12.035 and 1907 c 250 s 7 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The form of application may, with appropriate changes, be
7 substantially as follows:

8 FORM OF APPLICATION FOR
9 INITIAL REGISTRATION OF TITLE TO LAND

10 State of Washington }
11 } ss.
12 County of, }
13 In the superior court of the state of Washington in and for
14 county.

15 In the matter of the }
16 application of } PETITION
17 to register the title }
18 to the land hereinafter }
19 described }

20 To the Honorable, judge of said court: I hereby
21 make application to have registered the title to the land
22 hereinafter described, and do solemnly swear that the
23 answers to the questions herewith, and the statements herein
24 contained, are true to the best of my knowledge,
25 information and belief.

26 First. Name of applicant,, age, years.
27 Residence, (number and street, if any).
28 Married to or in a state registered domestic partnership with
29 (name of husband ((~~or~~)), wife, or state registered
30 domestic partner).

31 Second. Applications made by, acting as
32 (owner, agent or attorney). Residence,
33 (number, street).

34 Third. Description of real estate is as follows:
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4 estate or interest therein is and subject to
5 homestead.

6 Fourth. The land is occupied by
7 (names of occupants), whose address is
8 (number street and town or city). The estate, interest or
9 claim of occupant is

10 Fifth. Liens and incumbrances on the land
11 Name of holder or owner thereof is Whose post
12 office address is Amount of claim, \$.
13 Recorded, Book, page, of the records of said
14 county.

15 Sixth. Other persons, firm or corporation having or
16 claiming any estate, interest or claim in law or equity, in
17 possession, remainder, reversion or expectancy in said land
18 are whose addresses are respectively.
19 Character of estate, interest or claim is

20 Seventh. Other facts connected with said land and
21 appropriate to be considered in this registration proceeding
22 are

23 Eighth. Therefore, the applicant prays this honorable
24 court to find or declare the title or interest of the applicant
25 in said land and decree the same, and order the registrar of
26 titles to register the same and to grant such other and further
27 relief as may be proper in the premises.

28
29 (Applicant's signature)

30 By, agent, attorney, administrator or guardian.

31 Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of
32, A.D. 19.

33
34 Notary Public in and for the state
35 of Washington, residing at

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 148.** A new section is added to chapter 66.24
37 RCW to read as follows:

1 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
2 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
3 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
4 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
5 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
6 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
7 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
8 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
9 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
10 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
11 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
12 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 149.** A new section is added to chapter 67.70
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
16 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
17 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
18 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
19 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
20 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
21 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
22 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
23 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
24 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
25 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
26 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 150.** A new section is added to chapter 68.04
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
30 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
31 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
32 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
33 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
34 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
35 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
36 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict

1 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
2 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
3 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
4 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 151.** A new section is added to chapter 70.02
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
8 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
9 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
10 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
11 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
12 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
13 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
14 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
15 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
16 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
17 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
18 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 152.** A new section is added to chapter 70.24
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
22 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
23 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
24 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
25 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
26 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
27 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
28 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
29 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
30 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
31 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
32 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 153.** A new section is added to chapter 70.47
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,

1 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
2 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
3 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
4 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
5 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
6 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
7 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
8 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
9 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
10 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
11 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 154.** A new section is added to chapter 70.47A
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
15 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
16 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
17 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
18 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
19 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
20 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
21 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
22 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
23 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
24 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
25 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 155.** A new section is added to chapter 70.58
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
29 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
30 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
31 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
32 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
33 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
34 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
35 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
36 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 156.** A new section is added to chapter 70.122
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
7 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
8 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
9 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
10 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
11 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
12 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
13 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
14 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
15 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
16 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
17 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 157.** A new section is added to chapter 70.128
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
21 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
22 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
23 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
24 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
25 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
26 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
27 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
28 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
29 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
30 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
31 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 158.** A new section is added to chapter 70.190
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
35 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall

1 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
2 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
3 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
4 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
5 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
6 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
7 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
8 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
9 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
10 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 159.** A new section is added to chapter 71.05
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
14 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
15 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
16 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
17 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
18 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
19 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
20 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
21 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
22 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
23 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
24 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

25 **Sec. 160.** RCW 71.05.425 and 2008 c 213 s 10 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, at the
28 earliest possible date, and in no event later than thirty days before
29 conditional release, final release, authorized leave under RCW
30 71.05.325(2), or transfer to a facility other than a state mental
31 hospital, the superintendent shall send written notice of conditional
32 release, release, authorized leave, or transfer of a person committed
33 under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3)(c) following dismissal of a sex,
34 violent, or felony harassment offense pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4) to
35 the following:

1 (i) The chief of police of the city, if any, in which the person
2 will reside; and

3 (ii) The sheriff of the county in which the person will reside.

4 (b) The same notice as required by (a) of this subsection shall be
5 sent to the following, if such notice has been requested in writing
6 about a specific person committed under RCW 71.05.280(3) or
7 71.05.320(3)(c) following dismissal of a sex, violent, or felony
8 harassment offense pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4):

9 (i) The victim of the sex, violent, or felony harassment offense
10 that was dismissed pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4) preceding commitment
11 under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3)(c) or the victim's next of kin
12 if the crime was a homicide;

13 (ii) Any witnesses who testified against the person in any court
14 proceedings; and

15 (iii) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney.
16 Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting the
17 notice, information regarding any other person specified in writing by
18 the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the notice are
19 confidential and shall not be available to the person committed under
20 this chapter.

21 (c) The thirty-day notice requirements contained in this subsection
22 shall not apply to emergency medical transfers.

23 (d) The existence of the notice requirements in this subsection
24 will not require any extension of the release date in the event the
25 release plan changes after notification.

26 (2) If a person committed under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3)(c)
27 following dismissal of a sex, violent, or felony harassment offense
28 pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4) escapes, the superintendent shall
29 immediately notify, by the most reasonable and expedient means
30 available, the chief of police of the city and the sheriff of the
31 county in which the person resided immediately before the person's
32 arrest. If previously requested, the superintendent shall also notify
33 the witnesses and the victim of the sex, violent, or felony harassment
34 offense that was dismissed pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4) preceding
35 commitment under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3) or the victim's next
36 of kin if the crime was a homicide. In addition, the secretary shall
37 also notify appropriate parties pursuant to RCW 71.05.390(18). If the
38 person is recaptured, the superintendent shall send notice to the

1 persons designated in this subsection as soon as possible but in no
2 event later than two working days after the department learns of such
3 recapture.

4 (3) If the victim, the victim's next of kin, or any witness is
5 under the age of sixteen, the notice required by this section shall be
6 sent to the parent or legal guardian of the child.

7 (4) The superintendent shall send the notices required by this
8 chapter to the last address provided to the department by the
9 requesting party. The requesting party shall furnish the department
10 with a current address.

11 (5) For purposes of this section the following terms have the
12 following meanings:

- 13 (a) "Violent offense" means a violent offense under RCW 9.94A.030;
- 14 (b) "Sex offense" means a sex offense under RCW 9.94A.030;
- 15 (c) "Next of kin" means a person's spouse, state registered
16 domestic partner, parents, siblings, and children;
- 17 (d) "Felony harassment offense" means a crime of harassment as
18 defined in RCW 9A.46.060 that is a felony.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 161.** A new section is added to chapter 71.09
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
22 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
23 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
24 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
25 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
26 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
27 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
28 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
29 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
30 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
31 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
32 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 162.** A new section is added to chapter 71.12
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
36 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall

1 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
2 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
3 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
4 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
5 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
6 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
7 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
8 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
9 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
10 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 163.** A new section is added to chapter 71.32
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
14 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
15 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
16 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
17 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
18 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
19 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
20 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
21 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
22 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
23 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
24 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 164.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.20
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
28 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
29 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
30 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
31 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
32 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
33 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
34 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
35 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 165.** A new section is added to chapter 72.01
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
7 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
8 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
9 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
10 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
11 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
12 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
13 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
14 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
15 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
16 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
17 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 166.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
21 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
22 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
23 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
24 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
25 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
26 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
27 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
28 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
29 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
30 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
31 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

32 **Sec. 167.** RCW 72.09.015 and 2008 c 231 s 47 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

1 (1) "Adult basic education" means education or instruction designed
2 to achieve general competence of skills in reading, writing, and oral
3 communication, including English as a second language and preparation
4 and testing services for obtaining a high school diploma or a general
5 equivalency diploma.

6 (2) "Base level of correctional services" means the minimum level
7 of field services the department of corrections is required by statute
8 to provide for the supervision and monitoring of offenders.

9 (3) "Community custody" has the same meaning as that provided in
10 RCW 9.94A.030 and also includes community placement and community
11 supervision as defined in RCW 9.94B.020.

12 (4) "Contraband" means any object or communication the secretary
13 determines shall not be allowed to be: (a) Brought into; (b) possessed
14 while on the grounds of; or (c) sent from any institution under the
15 control of the secretary.

16 (5) "County" means a county or combination of counties.

17 (6) "Department" means the department of corrections.

18 (7) "Earned early release" means earned release as authorized by
19 RCW 9.94A.728.

20 (8) "Evidence-based" means a program or practice that has had
21 multiple-site random controlled trials across heterogeneous populations
22 demonstrating that the program or practice is effective in reducing
23 recidivism for the population.

24 (9) "Extended family visit" means an authorized visit between an
25 inmate and a member of his or her immediate family that occurs in a
26 private visiting unit located at the correctional facility where the
27 inmate is confined.

28 (10) "Good conduct" means compliance with department rules and
29 policies.

30 (11) "Good performance" means successful completion of a program
31 required by the department, including an education, work, or other
32 program.

33 (12) "Immediate family" means the inmate's children, stepchildren,
34 grandchildren, great grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents,
35 great grandparents, siblings, and a person legally married to or in a
36 state registered domestic partnership with an inmate. "Immediate
37 family" does not include an inmate adopted by another inmate or the
38 immediate family of the adopted or adopting inmate.

1 (13) "Indigent inmate," "indigent," and "indigency" mean an inmate
2 who has less than a ten-dollar balance of disposable income in his or
3 her institutional account on the day a request is made to utilize funds
4 and during the thirty days previous to the request.

5 (14) "Individual reentry plan" means the plan to prepare an
6 offender for release into the community. It should be developed
7 collaboratively between the department and the offender and based on an
8 assessment of the offender using a standardized and comprehensive tool
9 to identify the offender's risks and needs. The individual reentry
10 plan describes actions that should occur to prepare individual
11 offenders for release from prison or jail, specifies the supervision
12 and services they will experience in the community, and describes an
13 offender's eventual discharge to aftercare upon successful completion
14 of supervision. An individual reentry plan is updated throughout the
15 period of an offender's incarceration and supervision to be relevant to
16 the offender's current needs and risks.

17 (15) "Inmate" means a person committed to the custody of the
18 department, including but not limited to persons residing in a
19 correctional institution or facility and persons released from such
20 facility on furlough, work release, or community custody, and persons
21 received from another state, state agency, county, or federal
22 jurisdiction.

23 (16) "Privilege" means any goods or services, education or work
24 programs, or earned early release days, the receipt of which are
25 directly linked to an inmate's (a) good conduct; and (b) good
26 performance. Privileges do not include any goods or services the
27 department is required to provide under the state or federal
28 Constitution or under state or federal law.

29 (17) "Promising practice" means a practice that presents, based on
30 preliminary information, potential for becoming a research-based or
31 consensus-based practice.

32 (18) "Research-based" means a program or practice that has some
33 research demonstrating effectiveness, but that does not yet meet the
34 standard of evidence-based practices.

35 (19) "Secretary" means the secretary of corrections or his or her
36 designee.

37 (20) "Significant expansion" includes any expansion into a new
38 product line or service to the class I business that results from an

1 increase in benefits provided by the department, including a decrease
2 in labor costs, rent, or utility rates (for water, sewer, electricity,
3 and disposal), an increase in work program space, tax advantages, or
4 other overhead costs.

5 (21) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of a correctional
6 facility under the jurisdiction of the Washington state department of
7 corrections, or his or her designee.

8 (22) "Unfair competition" means any net competitive advantage that
9 a business may acquire as a result of a correctional industries
10 contract, including labor costs, rent, tax advantages, utility rates
11 (water, sewer, electricity, and disposal), and other overhead costs.
12 To determine net competitive advantage, the correctional industries
13 board shall review and quantify any expenses unique to operating a for-
14 profit business inside a prison.

15 (23) "Vocational training" or "vocational education" means
16 "vocational education" as defined in RCW 72.62.020.

17 (24) "Washington business" means an in-state manufacturer or
18 service provider subject to chapter 82.04 RCW existing on June 10,
19 2004.

20 (25) "Work programs" means all classes of correctional industries
21 jobs authorized under RCW 72.09.100.

22 **Sec. 168.** RCW 72.09.712 and 2008 c 231 s 27 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) At the earliest possible date, and in no event later than
25 thirty days before release except in the event of escape or emergency
26 furloughs as defined in RCW 72.66.010, the department of corrections
27 shall send written notice of parole, release, community custody, work
28 release placement, furlough, or escape about a specific inmate
29 convicted of a violent offense, a sex offense as defined by RCW
30 9.94A.030, or a felony harassment offense as defined by RCW 9A.46.060
31 or 9A.46.110, to the following:

32 (a) The chief of police of the city, if any, in which the inmate
33 will reside or in which placement will be made in a work release
34 program; and

35 (b) The sheriff of the county in which the inmate will reside or in
36 which placement will be made in a work release program.

1 The sheriff of the county where the offender was convicted shall be
2 notified if the department does not know where the offender will
3 reside. The department shall notify the state patrol of the release of
4 all sex offenders, and that information shall be placed in the
5 Washington crime information center for dissemination to all law
6 enforcement.

7 (2) The same notice as required by subsection (1) of this section
8 shall be sent to the following if such notice has been requested in
9 writing about a specific inmate convicted of a violent offense, a sex
10 offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030, or a felony harassment offense as
11 defined by RCW 9A.46.060 or 9A.46.110:

12 (a) The victim of the crime for which the inmate was convicted or
13 the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide;

14 (b) Any witnesses who testified against the inmate in any court
15 proceedings involving the violent offense;

16 (c) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney;
17 and

18 (d) Any person who requests such notice about a specific inmate
19 convicted of a sex offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030 from the
20 department of corrections at least sixty days prior to the expected
21 release date of the offender.

22 Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting
23 the notice, information regarding any other person specified in writing
24 by the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the notice are
25 confidential and shall not be available to the inmate. Whenever the
26 department of corrections mails notice pursuant to this subsection and
27 the notice is returned as undeliverable, the department shall attempt
28 alternative methods of notification, including a telephone call to the
29 person's last known telephone number.

30 (3) The existence of the notice requirements contained in
31 subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not require an extension
32 of the release date in the event that the release plan changes after
33 notification.

34 (4) If an inmate convicted of a violent offense, a sex offense as
35 defined by RCW 9.94A.030, or a felony harassment offense as defined by
36 RCW 9A.46.060 or 9A.46.110, escapes from a correctional facility, the
37 department of corrections shall immediately notify, by the most
38 reasonable and expedient means available, the chief of police of the

1 city and the sheriff of the county in which the inmate resided
2 immediately before the inmate's arrest and conviction. If previously
3 requested, the department shall also notify the witnesses and the
4 victim of the crime for which the inmate was convicted or the victim's
5 next of kin if the crime was a homicide. If the inmate is recaptured,
6 the department shall send notice to the persons designated in this
7 subsection as soon as possible but in no event later than two working
8 days after the department learns of such recapture.

9 (5) If the victim, the victim's next of kin, or any witness is
10 under the age of sixteen, the notice required by this section shall be
11 sent to the parents or legal guardian of the child.

12 (6) The department of corrections shall send the notices required
13 by this chapter to the last address provided to the department by the
14 requesting party. The requesting party shall furnish the department
15 with a current address.

16 (7) The department of corrections shall keep, for a minimum of two
17 years following the release of an inmate, the following:

18 (a) A document signed by an individual as proof that that person is
19 registered in the victim or witness notification program; and

20 (b) A receipt showing that an individual registered in the victim
21 or witness notification program was mailed a notice, at the
22 individual's last known address, upon the release or movement of an
23 inmate.

24 (8) For purposes of this section the following terms have the
25 following meanings:

26 (a) "Violent offense" means a violent offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

27 (b) "Next of kin" means a person's spouse, state registered
28 domestic partner, parents, siblings and children.

29 (9) Nothing in this section shall impose any liability upon a chief
30 of police of a city or sheriff of a county for failing to request in
31 writing a notice as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 169.** A new section is added to chapter 72.23
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
35 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
36 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
37 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships

1 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
2 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
3 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
4 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
5 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
6 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
7 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
8 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 170.** A new section is added to chapter 72.36
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
12 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
13 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
14 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
15 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
16 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
17 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
18 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
19 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
20 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
21 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
22 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

23 **Sec. 171.** RCW 72.36.115 and 2007 c 43 s 2 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (1) The department shall establish and maintain in this state an
26 eastern Washington state veterans' cemetery.

27 (2) All honorably discharged veterans, as defined by RCW 41.04.007,
28 and their spouses or state registered domestic partners are eligible
29 for interment in the eastern Washington state veterans' cemetery.

30 (3) The department shall collect all federal veterans' burial
31 benefits and other available state or county resources.

32 (4) The department shall adopt rules defining the services
33 available, eligibility, fees, and the general operations associated
34 with the eastern Washington state veterans' cemetery.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 172.** A new section is added to chapter 72.64
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 173.** A new section is added to chapter 72.66
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 174.** A new section is added to chapter 73.16
30 RCW to read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
32 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
33 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
34 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
35 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
36 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 175.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 176.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 177.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 178.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09A
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 179.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13
30 RCW to read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
32 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
33 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
34 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
35 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
36 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 180.** A new section is added to chapter 74.15
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 181.** A new section is added to chapter 74.20
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 185.** A new section is added to chapter 77.08
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 **Sec. 186.** RCW 77.36.010 and 1996 c 54 s 2 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 Unless otherwise specified, the following definitions apply
24 throughout this chapter:

25 (1) "Crop" means a commercially raised horticultural and/or
26 agricultural product and includes growing or harvested product but does
27 not include livestock. For the purposes of this chapter all parts of
28 horticultural trees shall be considered a crop and shall be eligible
29 for claims.

30 (2) "Emergency" means an unforeseen circumstance beyond the control
31 of the landowner or tenant that presents a real and immediate threat to
32 crops, domestic animals, or fowl.

33 (3) "Immediate family member" means spouse, state registered
34 domestic partner, brother, sister, grandparent, parent, child, or
35 grandchild.

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 190.** A new section is added to chapter 81.80
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 191.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 192.** A new section is added to chapter 83.100
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 **Sec. 193.** RCW 83.100.046 and 2005 c 514 s 1201 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) For the purposes of determining the Washington taxable estate,
18 a deduction is allowed from the federal taxable estate for:

19 (a) The value of qualified real property reduced by any amounts
20 allowable as a deduction in respect of the qualified real property and
21 tangible personal property under section 2053(a)(4) of the internal
22 revenue code, if the decedent was at the time of his or her death a
23 citizen or resident of the United States.

24 (b) The value of any tangible personal property used by the
25 decedent or a member of the decedent's family for a qualified use on
26 the date of the decedent's death, reduced by any amounts allowable as
27 a deduction in respect of the tangible personal property under section
28 2053(a)(4) of the internal revenue code, if all of the requirements of
29 subsection (10)(f)(i)(A) of this section are met and the decedent was
30 at the time of his or her death a citizen or resident of the United
31 States.

32 (c) The value of real property that is not deductible under (a) of
33 this subsection solely by reason of subsection (10)(f)(i)(B) of this
34 section, reduced by any amounts allowable as a deduction in respect of
35 the qualified real property and tangible personal property under
36 section 2053(a)(4) of the internal revenue code, if the requirements of

1 subsection (10)(f)(i)(C) of this section are met with respect to the
2 property and the decedent was at the time of his or her death a citizen
3 or resident of the United States.

4 (2) Property shall be considered to have been acquired from or to
5 have passed from the decedent if:

6 (a) The property is so considered under section 1014(b) of the
7 Internal Revenue Code;

8 (b) The property is acquired by any person from the estate; or

9 (c) The property is acquired by any person from a trust, to the
10 extent the property is includible in the gross estate of the decedent.

11 (3) If the decedent and the decedent's surviving spouse at any time
12 held qualified real property as community property, the interest of the
13 surviving spouse in the property shall be taken into account under this
14 section to the extent necessary to provide a result under this section
15 with respect to the property which is consistent with the result which
16 would have obtained under this section if the property had not been
17 community property.

18 (4) In the case of any qualified woodland, the value of trees
19 growing on the woodland may be deducted if otherwise qualified under
20 this section.

21 (5) If property is qualified real property with respect to a
22 decedent, hereinafter in this subsection referred to as the "first
23 decedent," and the property was acquired from or passed from the first
24 decedent to the surviving spouse of the first decedent, active
25 management of the farm by the surviving spouse shall be treated as
26 material participation by the surviving spouse in the operation of the
27 farm.

28 (6) Property owned indirectly by the decedent may qualify for a
29 deduction under this section if owned through an interest in a
30 corporation, partnership, or trust as the terms corporation,
31 partnership, or trust are used in section 2032A(g) of the Internal
32 Revenue Code. In order to qualify for a deduction under this
33 subsection, the interest, in addition to meeting the other tests for
34 qualification under this section, must qualify under section 6166(b)(1)
35 of the Internal Revenue Code as an interest in a closely held business
36 on the date of the decedent's death and for sufficient other time,
37 combined with periods of direct ownership, to equal at least five years
38 of the eight-year period preceding the death.

1 (7)(a) If, on the date of the decedent's death, the requirements of
2 subsection (10)(f)(i)(C)(II) of this section with respect to the
3 decedent for any property are not met, and the decedent (i) was
4 receiving old age benefits under Title II of the social security act
5 for a continuous period ending on such date, or (ii) was disabled for
6 a continuous period ending on this date, then subsection
7 (10)(f)(i)(C)(II) of this section shall be applied with respect to the
8 property by substituting "the date on which the longer of such
9 continuous periods began" for "the date of the decedent's death" in
10 subsection (10)(f)(i)(C) of this section.

11 (b) For the purposes of (a) of this subsection, an individual shall
12 be disabled if the individual has a mental or physical impairment which
13 renders that individual unable to materially participate in the
14 operation of the farm.

15 (8) Property may be deducted under this section whether or not
16 special valuation is elected under section 2032A of the Internal
17 Revenue Code on the federal return. For the purposes of determining
18 the deduction under this section, the value of property is its value as
19 used to determine the value of the gross estate.

20 (9)(a) In the case of any qualified replacement property, any
21 period during which there was ownership, qualified use, or material
22 participation with respect to the replaced property by the decedent or
23 any member of the decedent's family shall be treated as a period during
24 which there was ownership, use, or material participation, as the case
25 may be, with respect to the qualified replacement property.

26 (b) Subsection (9)(a) of this section shall not apply to the extent
27 that the fair market value of the qualified replacement property, as of
28 the date of its acquisition, exceeds the fair market value of the
29 replaced property, as of the date of its disposition.

30 (c) For the purposes of this subsection (9), the following
31 definitions apply:

- 32 (i) "Qualified replacement property" means any real property:
 - 33 (A) Which is acquired in an exchange which qualifies under section
 - 34 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code; or
 - 35 (B) The acquisition of which results in the nonrecognition of gain
 - 36 under section 1033 of the Internal Revenue Code.

37 The term "qualified replacement property" only includes property

1 which is used for the same qualified use as the replaced property was
2 being used before the exchange.

3 (ii) "Replaced property" means the property was:

4 (A) Transferred in the exchange which qualifies under section 1031
5 of the Internal Revenue Code; or

6 (B) Compulsorily or involuntarily converted within the meaning of
7 section 1033 of the Internal Revenue Code.

8 (10) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions
9 apply:

10 (a) "Active management" means the making of the management
11 decisions of a farm, other than the daily operating decisions.

12 (b) "Farm" includes stock, dairy, poultry, fruit, furbearing
13 animal, and truck farms; plantations; ranches; nurseries; ranges;
14 greenhouses or other similar structures used primarily for the raising
15 of agricultural or horticultural commodities; and orchards and
16 woodlands.

17 (c) "Farming purposes" means:

18 (i) Cultivating the soil or raising or harvesting any agricultural
19 or horticultural commodity, including the raising, shearing, feeding,
20 caring for, training, and management of animals on a farm;

21 (ii) Handling, drying, packing, grading, or storing on a farm any
22 agricultural or horticultural commodity in its unmanufactured state,
23 but only if the owner, tenant, or operator of the farm regularly
24 produces more than one-half of the commodity so treated; and

25 (iii)(A) The planting, cultivating, caring for, or cutting of
26 trees; or

27 (B) The preparation, other than milling, of trees for market.

28 (d) "Member of the family" means, with respect to any individual,
29 only:

30 (i) An ancestor of the individual;

31 (ii) The spouse or state registered domestic partner of the
32 individual;

33 (iii) A lineal descendant of the individual, of the individual's
34 spouse or state registered domestic partner, or of a parent of the
35 individual; or

36 (iv) The spouse or state registered domestic partner of any lineal
37 descendant described in (d)(iii) of this subsection.

1 For the purposes of this subsection (10)(d), a legally adopted
2 child of an individual shall be treated as the child of such individual
3 by blood.

4 (e) "Qualified heir" means, with respect to any property, a member
5 of the decedent's family who acquired property, or to whom property
6 passed, from the decedent.

7 (f)(i) "Qualified real property" means real property which was
8 acquired from or passed from the decedent to a qualified heir of the
9 decedent and which, on the date of the decedent's death, was being used
10 for a qualified use by the decedent or a member of the decedent's
11 family, but only if:

12 (A) Fifty percent or more of the adjusted value of the gross estate
13 consists of the adjusted value of real or personal property which:

14 (I) On the date of the decedent's death, was being used for a
15 qualified use by the decedent or a member of the decedent's family; and

16 (II) Was acquired from or passed from the decedent to a qualified
17 heir of the decedent;

18 (B) Twenty-five percent or more of the adjusted value of the gross
19 estate consists of the adjusted value of real property which meets the
20 requirements of (f)(i)(A)(II) and (f)(i)(C) of this subsection; and

21 (C) During the eight-year period ending on the date of the
22 decedent's death there have been periods aggregating five years or more
23 during which:

24 (I) The real property was owned by the decedent or a member of the
25 decedent's family and used for a qualified use by the decedent or a
26 member of the decedent's family; and

27 (II) There was material participation by the decedent or a member
28 of the decedent's family in the operation of the farm. For the
29 purposes of this subsection (f)(i)(C)(II), material participation shall
30 be determined in a manner similar to the manner used for purposes of
31 section 1402(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

32 (ii) For the purposes of this subsection, the term "adjusted value"
33 means:

34 (A) In the case of the gross estate, the value of the gross estate,
35 determined without regard to any special valuation under section 2032A
36 of the Internal Revenue Code, reduced by any amounts allowable as a
37 deduction under section 2053(a)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

1 (B) In the case of any real or personal property, the value of the
2 property for purposes of chapter 11 of the Internal Revenue Code,
3 determined without regard to any special valuation under section 2032A
4 of the Internal Revenue Code, reduced by any amounts allowable as a
5 deduction in respect of such property under section 2053(a)(4) of the
6 Internal Revenue Code.

7 (g) "Qualified use" means the property is used as a farm for
8 farming purposes. In the case of real property which meets the
9 requirements of (f)(i)(C) of this subsection, residential buildings and
10 related improvements on the real property occupied on a regular basis
11 by the owner or lessee of the real property or by persons employed by
12 the owner or lessee for the purpose of operating or maintaining the
13 real property, and roads, buildings, and other structures and
14 improvements functionally related to the qualified use shall be treated
15 as real property devoted to the qualified use. For tangible personal
16 property eligible for a deduction under subsection (1)(b) of this
17 section, "qualified use" means the property is used primarily for
18 farming purposes on a farm.

19 (h) "Qualified woodland" means any real property which:

20 (i) Is used in timber operations; and

21 (ii) Is an identifiable area of land such as an acre or other area
22 for which records are normally maintained in conducting timber
23 operations.

24 (i) "Timber operations" means:

25 (i) The planting, cultivating, caring for, or cutting of trees; or

26 (ii) The preparation, other than milling, of trees for market.

27 **Sec. 194.** RCW 83.100.047 and 2005 c 516 s 13 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1)(a) If the federal taxable estate on the federal return is
30 determined by making an election under section 2056 or 2056A of the
31 Internal Revenue Code, or if no federal return is required to be filed,
32 the department may provide by rule for a separate election on the
33 Washington return, consistent with section 2056 or 2056A of the
34 Internal Revenue Code and (b) of this subsection, for the purpose of
35 determining the amount of tax due under this chapter. The election
36 shall be binding on the estate and the beneficiaries, consistent with
37 the Internal Revenue Code and (b) of this subsection. All other

1 elections or valuations on the Washington return shall be made in a
2 manner consistent with the federal return, if a federal return is
3 required, and such rules as the department may provide.

4 (b) The department shall provide by rule that a state registered
5 domestic partner is deemed to be a surviving spouse and entitled to a
6 deduction from the Washington taxable estate for any interest passing
7 from the decedent to his or her domestic partner, consistent with
8 section 2056 or 2056A of the Internal Revenue Code but regardless of
9 whether such interest would be deductible from the federal gross estate
10 under section 2056 or 2056A of the Internal Revenue Code.

11 (2) Amounts deducted for federal income tax purposes under section
12 642(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986((7)) shall not be allowed
13 as deductions in computing the amount of tax due under this chapter.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 195. A new section is added to chapter 83.110A
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
17 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
18 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
19 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
20 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
21 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
22 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
23 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
24 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
25 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
26 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
27 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 196. A new section is added to chapter 84.04
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
31 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
32 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
33 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
34 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
35 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
36 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or

1 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
2 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
3 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
4 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
5 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

6 **Sec. 197.** RCW 84.04.050 and 1961 c 15 s 84.04.050 are each amended
7 to read as follows:

8 "Householder" shall be taken to mean and include every person,
9 married, in a state registered domestic partnership, or single, who
10 resides within the state of Washington being the owner or holder of an
11 estate or having a house or place of abode, either as owner or lessee.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 198.** A new section is added to chapter 85.38
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
15 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
16 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
17 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
18 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
19 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
20 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
21 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
22 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
23 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
24 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
25 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 199.** A new section is added to chapter 87.03
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
29 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
30 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
31 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
32 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
33 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
34 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
35 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict

1 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
2 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
3 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
4 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 200.** A new section is added to chapter 89.12
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
8 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
9 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
10 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
11 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
12 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
13 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
14 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
15 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
16 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
17 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
18 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 201.** A new section is added to chapter 91.08
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
22 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
23 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
24 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
25 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
26 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
27 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
28 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
29 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
30 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
31 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
32 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 202.** The following acts or parts of acts are
34 each repealed:

1 (1) RCW 26.60.050 (Termination--Records--Fees) and 2008 c 6 s 1002
2 & 2007 c 156 s 6; and

3 (2) RCW 26.60.055 (Termination) and 2008 c 6 s 1001.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 203.** (1) Sections 5 through 8, 73, 79, 87, 89
5 through 105, 109, 153, 175, 177, and 192 through 194 of this act take
6 effect January 1, 2012.

7 (2) Sections 167 and 168 of this act take effect August 1, 2009.

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