

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1649**

62nd Legislature  
2011 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 4, 2011  
Yeas 58 Nays 39

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 30, 2011  
Yeas 28 Nays 19

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1649** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Jinkins, Pedersen, Kenney, Pettigrew, Ladenburg, Lytton, Stanford, Billig, Ryu, Lias, Seaquist, Darneille, Dickerson, Dunshee, Fitzgibbon, Upthegrove, Reykdal, Finn, Moscoso, Takko, Rolfes, Clibborn, Jacks, Morris, Cody, Roberts, Orwall, Green, Van De Wege, Ormsby, Hudgins, Sells, Kelley, Blake, Appleton, Kagi, Santos, Hurst, Kirby, Eddy, Probst, Springer, Miloscia, Maxwell, Sullivan, Goodman, Frockt, Carlyle, Haigh, Moeller, Hunter, Tharinger, Hunt, McCoy, and Hasegawa

Read first time 01/28/11. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 AN ACT Relating to giving legal effect to domestic partnerships;  
2 and amending RCW 26.60.090 and 1.12.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.60.090 and 2009 c 521 s 72 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.12.080 and 2009 c 521 s 3 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 For the purposes of this code and any legislation hereafter enacted  
16 by the legislature or by the people, with the exception of chapter  
17 26.04 RCW, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow,  
18 widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying

1 equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in  
2 state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital  
3 relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of  
4 marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships  
5 that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, unless the  
6 legislation expressly states otherwise and to the extent that such  
7 interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to  
8 implement chapter 521, Laws of 2009, gender-specific terms such as  
9 husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be  
10 construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state  
11 registered domestic partnerships.

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