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HOUSE BILL 1199

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CIVIL ANTIHARASSMENT ACTIONS--SUPERIOR COURT JURISDICTION

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Passed by the House March 5, 1999 Yeas 95 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD Speaker of the House of

Representatives

FRANK CHOPP Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 9, 1999 Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved May 5, 1999

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1199** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

DEAN R. FOSTER

Chief Clerk

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Chief Clerk

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State of Washington56th Legislature1999 Regular SessionBy Representatives Lantz, Constantine, Sheahan and CarrellRead first time 01/19/1999.Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 AN ACT Relating to jurisdiction of superior courts in civil 2 antiharassment actions; and amending RCW 10.14.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.14.150 and 1991 c 33 s 2 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

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

11 (2) Superior courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction to receive 12 transfer of antiharassment petitions in cases where a district court 13 judge makes findings of fact and conclusions of law showing that 14 meritorious reasons ((exit [exist])) exist for the transfer. The 15 municipal and district courts shall have jurisdiction and cognizance of 16 any criminal actions brought under RCW 10.14.120 and 10.14.170.

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