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5   Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7   "<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.60 RCW
8 to read as follows:
9   (1) The legislature finds that: (a) Equal protection under the law
10 is a fundamental principle of constitutional government essential to
11 the well-being and perpetuation of a free society; (b) governmental
12 entities should not engage in any discrimination prohibited by this
13 chapter; (c) governmental entities should review employment-related
14 practices to ensure discrimination prohibited by this chapter does not
15 occur; and (d) existing remedies for resolving claims of illegal
16 discrimination against public or private entities may unnecessarily
17 create a difficult, lengthy, and costly process for all parties
18 involved.
19   (2) The commission is authorized, in addition to RCW 49.60.240 and
20 49.60.250, to offer alternative dispute resolution as a process through
21 which parties involved in a claim of illegal discrimination can attempt
22 to resolve the claim."

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26   On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "discrimination;" strike the
27 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter
28 49.60 RCW."

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