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Sponsor(s): Representatives Dickerson, Esser, Lantz, Edmonds, Tokuda, Kagi, O'Brien and Rockefeller; by request of Attorney General

Brief Description: Making admissible the hearsay statements of vulnerable adults.

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Declares an intent that this act make admissible as evidence the reliable hearsay of vulnerable adults beyond what is currently admissible, while respecting the constitutional rights of other parties.

Recognizes that the courts have implemented the child hearsay statute, RCW 9A.44.120, to balance concerns about the reliability of children's hearsay statements with the public interest in facilitating court cases involving the protection of children.

Recognizes similar issues are present in proceedings involving vulnerable adult victims.