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Sponsor(s): Representatives Alexander, Lantz and Esser; by request of Governor Locke and Attorney General

Brief Description: Regulating the admissibility of benevolent gestures in civil actions.

HB 2354 - DIGEST

(AS _____ OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/11/02)

Declares that the portion of statements, writings, or benevolent gestures expressing sympathy or general sense of benevolence relating to the pain, suffering, or death of a person involved in an accident, and made to that person or to the family of that person, shall be inadmissible as evidence in a civil action.

Provides that a statement of fault, however, which is part of, or in addition to, any such statements shall not be made inadmissible by this provision.