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SENATE BILL 5627

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By Senators Esser and Kastama

Read first time 02/03/2003. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to the admissibility of confessions and admissions
- 2 in criminal and juvenile offense proceedings; and adding a new section
- 3 to chapter 10.58 RCW.

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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 10.58 RCW 6 to read as follows:
 - In all criminal and juvenile offense proceedings where independent proof of the corpus delicti is absent, a lawfully obtained confession or admission of the defendant nevertheless shall be admitted into evidence if there is substantial independent evidence that would tend to establish the trustworthiness of the confession or admission.

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