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Sponsor(s): House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Murray, Hankins, Grant, Mastin, McDermott, Jarrett, Linville, Upthegrove, Quall, Moeller, Tom, Kessler, Lovick, Hunter, Schual-Berke, Ruderman, Dickerson, Santos, Hudgins, Haigh, Hunt, Pettigrew, Rockefeller, G. Simpson, Cody and Kenney; by request of Governor Locke)

Brief Description: Expanding the jurisdiction of the human rights commission.

## HB 1809-S - DIGEST

## (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/16/04)

Includes sexual orientation in prohibited discriminatory acts.

Declares that "sexual orientation" means heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, and gender expression or identity.

Declares that "creed" means a system of religious beliefs and religious expressions, including moral and ethical beliefs and expressions about right and wrong that are sincerely held with the strength of traditional religious views.

Declares that nothing in chapter 49.60 RCW shall apply to real estate transactions involving the sharing of a dwelling unit, or rental or sublease of a portion of a dwelling unit, when the dwelling unit is to be occupied by the owner or subleasor. For purposes of this provision, "dwelling unit" has the same meaning as in RCW 59.18.030.