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Sponsor(s): Senators Kohl-Welles, Brandland, Roach, Thibaudeau and Kline

Brief Description: Penalizing cyberstalking.

**SB 6432 - DIGEST**

Declares that a person is guilty of cyberstalking if he or she, with intent to harass, intimidate, torment, or embarrass any other person, makes a communication to the other person or a third party through electronic mail or the Internet: (1) Using any lewd, lascivious, indecent, or obscene words or language, or suggesting the commission of any lewd or lascivious act;

(2) Anonymously or repeatedly whether or not conversation occurs; or

(3) Threatening to inflict injury on the person or property of the person called or any member of his or her family or household.

Provides that cyberstalking is a gross misdemeanor.

Provides that cyberstalking is a class C felony if either of the following applies: (1) The perpetrator has previously been convicted of the crime of harassment, as defined in RCW 9A.46.060, with the same victim or a member of the victim's family or household or any person specifically named in a no-contact order or no-harassment order in this or any other state; or

(2) The perpetrator engages in the behavior prohibited under this act by threatening to kill the person threatened or any other person.