

SSB 5336 - H AMD **659**

By Representative Schindler

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1 On page 2, line 23, after "Washington." insert the following:
2 "The legislature has declared that this state has a compelling
3 state interest in reaffirming its historical commitment to the
4 institution of marriage as a union between a man and a woman as
5 husband and wife and in protecting that institution. The
6 legislature has further declared its intent to establish public
7 policy against same-sex marriage in statutory law that clearly and
8 definitively declares same-sex marriages will not be recognized in
9 Washington, even if they are made legal in other states. The
10 legislature has enacted statutory law that prohibits marriages when
11 the parties are persons other than a male and a female and provides
12 that marriages between two persons other than a male and a female
13 that are recognized as valid in another jurisdiction are not valid
14 in this state. This act shall not be construed to endorse any
15 specific belief, practice, behavior, or orientation. Nothing in
16 this act is intended to or shall be construed to promote or endorse
17 same-sex marriage or to modify or supersede state law related to
18 marriage."

EFFECT: Adds language to the intent section specifying the state has a compelling interest in reaffirming its commitment to the institution of marriage, and providing that nothing in the act is intended to promote or endorse any specific belief, practice or behavior, or to endorse same-sex marriage or modify state marriage laws.