

**SHB 2596 - S AMD 302**

By Senators Hargrove and Carrell

ADOPTED 3/05/2010

1 On page 6, after line 2, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.44  
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 While Article I, section 22 of the state Constitution and the  
5 sixth amendment of the United States Constitution protect the right of  
6 a defendant to represent him or herself in a criminal trial, Article  
7 I, section 35 of the state Constitution requires that crime victims be  
8 accorded due dignity and respect. Conflicts may arise between these  
9 constitutional provisions when a pro se defendant questions a victim  
10 in court. Procedures may be employed that preserve the pro se  
11 defendant's control over his or her own trial and that limit the  
12 trauma experienced by the victim. The legislature commends  
13 consideration of these competing constitutional provisions to the  
14 supreme court of Washington."

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16 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Adds intent section regarding the procedures to be used to  
preserve the defendants' (those who represent themselves in court)  
control over his or her trial and limit the trauma experienced by  
the victims.

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