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1 AN ACT Relating to further expanding the rights and
2 responsibilities of state registered domestic partners; amending RCW
3 2.10.030, 6.27.140, 9A.44.010, 10.77.205, 11.88.030, 26.60.040,
4 26.60.090, 41.05.066, 41.16.010, 41.18.010, 49.78.020, 65.12.035,
5 71.05.425, 72.09.015, 72.09.712, 72.36.115, 77.36.010, 83.100.046,
6 83.100.047, and 84.04.050; adding a new section to chapter 26.60 RCW;
7 adding a new section to chapter 34.05 RCW; adding a new section to
8 chapter 2.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 2.12 RCW; adding a
9 new section to chapter 2.14 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 2.56
10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW; adding a new section to
11 chapter 4.28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 5.44 RCW; adding a
12 new section to chapter 6.15 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 6.27
13 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 7.08 RCW; adding a new section to
14 chapter 7.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.58 RCW; adding a
15 new section to chapter 9.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.68A
16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; adding a new section to
17 chapter 9A.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9A.40 RCW; adding a
18 new section to chapter 9A.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 10.77
19 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 10.95 RCW; adding a new section to
20 chapter 10.99 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 10.101 RCW; adding
21 a new section to chapter 11.40 RCW; adding a new section to chapter

1 11.42 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.68 RCW; adding a new
2 section to chapter 11.88 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.94
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.95 RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 11.98 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.104A RCW; adding
5 a new section to chapter 11.108 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
6 13.40 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 13.64 RCW; adding a new
7 section to chapter 18.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.35
8 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.51 RCW; adding a new section to
9 chapter 18.96 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.118 RCW; adding
10 a new section to chapter 18.120 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
11 19.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.16 RCW; adding a new
12 section to chapter 19.36 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.40
13 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.120 RCW; adding a new section
14 to chapter 19.205 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.220 RCW;
15 adding a new section to chapter 19.225 RCW; adding a new section to
16 chapter 21.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 21.35 RCW; adding a
17 new section to chapter 23B.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
18 23B.19 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.09 RCW; adding a new
19 section to chapter 26.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.21A
20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.26 RCW; adding a new section to
21 chapter 26.27 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.33 RCW; adding a
22 new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
23 28B.15 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding a new
24 section to chapter 30.22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 31.12
25 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to
26 chapter 35.54 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.01 RCW; adding
27 a new section to chapter 36.17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
28 36.88 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 38.42 RCW; adding a new
29 section to chapter 38.52 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.04
30 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; adding a new section to
31 chapter 41.06 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.16 RCW; adding a
32 new section to chapter 41.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.20
33 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.24 RCW; adding a new section to
34 chapter 41.26 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.28 RCW; adding a
35 new section to chapter 41.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.34
36 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.35 RCW; adding a new section to
37 chapter 41.37 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.40 RCW; adding a
38 new section to chapter 41.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.50

1 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.54 RCW; adding a new section to
2 chapter 41.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 42.23 RCW; adding a
3 new section to chapter 42.52 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
4 43.20B RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW; adding a new
5 section to chapter 43.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.180
6 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.215 RCW; adding a new section
7 to chapter 43.235 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW;
8 adding a new section to chapter 48.17 RCW; adding a new section to
9 chapter 48.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a
10 new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
11 48.21A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.22 RCW; adding a new
12 section to chapter 48.23 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.24
13 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.25 RCW; adding a new section to
14 chapter 48.29 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.30 RCW; adding a
15 new section to chapter 48.41 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.43
16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new section to
17 chapter 48.46 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.66 RCW; adding a
18 new section to chapter 48.76 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.12
19 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.48 RCW; adding a new section to
20 chapter 49.74 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.77 RCW; adding a
21 new section to chapter 49.78 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.86
22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 50.04 RCW; adding a new section to
23 chapter 51.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 59.18 RCW; adding a
24 new section to chapter 59.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 59.21
25 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 59.22 RCW; adding a new section to
26 chapter 62A.1 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 65.12 RCW; adding a
27 new section to chapter 66.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 67.70
28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 68.04 RCW; adding a new section to
29 chapter 70.02 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.24 RCW; adding a
30 new section to chapter 70.47 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
31 70.47A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.122 RCW; adding a new
32 section to chapter 70.128 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.190
33 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 71.05 RCW; adding a new section to
34 chapter 71.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 71.12 RCW; adding a
35 new section to chapter 71.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
36 71A.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.01 RCW; adding a new
37 section to chapter 72.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.23
38 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.36 RCW; adding a new section to

1 chapter 72.64 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 73.16 RCW; adding a
2 new section to chapter 74.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
3 74.08A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; adding a new
4 section to chapter 74.09A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.13
5 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.15 RCW; adding a new section to
6 chapter 74.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.20A RCW; adding
7 a new section to chapter 74.34 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
8 74.41 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.08 RCW; adding a new
9 section to chapter 79A.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 80.28
10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 81.28 RCW; adding a new section to
11 chapter 81.80 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a
12 new section to chapter 83.100 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
13 83.110A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 84.04 RCW; adding a new
14 section to chapter 85.38 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 91.08
15 RCW; repealing RCW 26.60.050 and 26.60.055; and providing effective
16 dates.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 26.60 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 It is the intent of the legislature that for all purposes under
21 state law, state registered domestic partners shall be treated the same
22 as married spouses. Any privilege, immunity, right, benefit, or
23 responsibility granted or imposed by statute, administrative or court
24 rule, policy, common law or any other law to an individual because the
25 individual is or was a spouse, or because the individual is or was an
26 in-law in a specified way to another individual, is granted on
27 equivalent terms, substantive and procedural, to an individual because
28 the individual is or was in a state registered domestic partnership or
29 because the individual is or was, based on a state registered domestic
30 partnership, related in a specified way to another individual. The
31 provisions of this act shall be liberally construed to achieve equal
32 treatment, to the extent not in conflict with federal law, of state
33 registered domestic partners and married spouses.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW
35 to read as follows:

1 Agencies shall amend their rules to reflect the intent of the
2 legislature to ensure that all privileges, immunities, rights,
3 benefits, or responsibilities granted or imposed by statute to an
4 individual because that individual is or was a spouse in a marital
5 relationship are granted or imposed on equivalent terms to an
6 individual because that individual is or was in a state registered
7 domestic partnership.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 2.10 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
11 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
12 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
13 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
14 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
15 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
16 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
17 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
18 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
19 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
20 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
21 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

22 **Sec. 4.** RCW 2.10.030 and 1997 c 88 s 5 are each amended to read as
23 follows:

24 (1) "Retirement system" means the "Washington judicial retirement
25 system" provided herein.

26 (2) "Judge" means a person elected or appointed to serve as judge
27 of a court of record as provided in chapters 2.04, 2.06, and 2.08 RCW.
28 "Judge" does not include a person serving as a judge pro tempore except
29 for a judge pro tempore appointed under RCW 2.04.240(2) or 2.06.150(2).

30 (3) "Retirement board" means the "Washington judicial retirement
31 board" established herein.

32 (4) "Surviving spouse" means the surviving widow or widower or
33 surviving state registered domestic partner of a judge. "Surviving
34 spouse" does not include the divorced spouse of a judge or an
35 individual whose state registered domestic partnership with the judge
36 has been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated.

1 (5) "Retirement fund" means the "Washington judicial retirement
2 fund" established herein.

3 (6) "Beneficiary" means any person in receipt of a retirement
4 allowance, disability allowance or any other benefit described herein.

5 (7) "Monthly salary" means the monthly salary of the position held
6 by the judge.

7 (8) "Service" means all periods of time served as a judge, as
8 herein defined. Any calendar month at the beginning or end of a term
9 in which ten or more days are served shall be counted as a full month
10 of service: PROVIDED, That no more than one month's service may be
11 granted for any one calendar month. Only months of service will be
12 counted in the computation of any retirement allowance or other benefit
13 provided for in this chapter. Years of service shall be determined by
14 dividing the total months of service by twelve. Any fraction of a year
15 of service as so determined shall be taken into account in the
16 computation of such retirement allowance or benefit.

17 (9) "Final average salary" means (a) for a judge in service in the
18 same court for a minimum of twelve consecutive months preceding the
19 date of retirement, the salary attached to the position held by the
20 judge immediately prior to retirement; (b) for any other judge, the
21 average monthly salary paid over the highest twenty-four month period
22 in the last ten years of service.

23 (10) "Retirement allowance" for the purpose of applying cost of
24 living increases or decreases includes retirement allowances,
25 disability allowances and survivorship benefit.

26 (11) "Index" means for any calendar year, that year's annual
27 average consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical
28 workers, all items (1957-1959 equal one hundred) -- compiled by the
29 bureau of labor statistics, United States department of labor.

30 (12) "Accumulated contributions" means the total amount deducted
31 from the judge's monthly salary pursuant to RCW 2.10.090, together with
32 the regular interest thereon from July 1, 1988, as determined by the
33 director of the department of retirement systems.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 2.12 RCW
35 to read as follows:

36 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
37 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall

1 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
2 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
3 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
4 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
5 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
6 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
7 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
8 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
9 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
10 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 2.14 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
14 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
15 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
16 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
17 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
18 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
19 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
20 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
21 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
22 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
23 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
24 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 2.56 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
28 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
29 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
30 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
31 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
32 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
33 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
34 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
35 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
7 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
8 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
9 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
10 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
11 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
12 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
13 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
14 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
15 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
16 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
17 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 4.28 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
21 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
22 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
23 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
24 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
25 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
26 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
27 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
28 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
29 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
30 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
31 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 5.44 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
35 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall

1 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
2 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
3 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
4 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
5 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
6 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
7 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
8 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
9 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
10 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 6.15 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
14 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
15 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
16 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
17 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
18 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
19 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
20 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
21 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
22 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
23 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
24 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 6.27 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
28 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
29 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
30 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
31 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
32 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
33 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
34 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
35 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 **Sec. 13.** RCW 6.27.140 and 2003 c 222 s 6 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The notice required by RCW 6.27.130(1) to be mailed to or
7 served on an individual judgment debtor shall be in the following form,
8 printed or typed in type no smaller than elite type:

9 NOTICE OF GARNISHMENT
10 AND OF YOUR RIGHTS

11 A Writ of Garnishment issued in a Washington court has been or
12 will be served on the garnishee named in the attached copy of
13 the writ. After receipt of the writ, the garnishee is required
14 to withhold payment of any money that was due to you and to
15 withhold any other property of yours that the garnishee held or
16 controlled. This notice of your rights is required by law.

17 YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTION RIGHTS:

18 WAGES. If the garnishee is your employer who owes wages or
19 other personal earnings to you, your employer is required to
20 pay amounts to you that are exempt under state and federal
21 laws, as explained in the writ of garnishment. You should
22 receive a copy of your employer's answer, which will show how
23 the exempt amount was calculated. If the garnishment is for
24 child support, the exempt amount paid to you will be forty
25 percent of wages due you, but if you are supporting a spouse,
26 state registered domestic partner, or dependent child, you are
27 entitled to claim an additional ten percent as exempt.

28 BANK ACCOUNTS. If the garnishee is a bank or other institution
29 with which you have an account in which you have deposited
30 benefits such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families,
31 Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security, veterans'
32 benefits, unemployment compensation, or a United States
33 pension, you may claim the account as fully exempt if you have
34 deposited only such benefit funds in the account. It may be
35 partially exempt even though you have deposited money from

1 other sources in the same account. An exemption is also
2 available under RCW 26.16.200, providing that funds in a
3 community bank account that can be identified as the earnings
4 of a stepparent are exempt from a garnishment on the child
5 support obligation of the parent.

6 OTHER EXEMPTIONS. If the garnishee holds other property of
7 yours, some or all of it may be exempt under RCW 6.15.010, a
8 Washington statute that exempts up to five hundred dollars of
9 property of your choice (including up to one hundred dollars in
10 cash or in a bank account) and certain property such as
11 household furnishings, tools of trade, and a motor vehicle (all
12 limited by differing dollar values).

13 HOW TO CLAIM EXEMPTIONS. Fill out the enclosed claim form and
14 mail or deliver it as described in instructions on the claim
15 form. If the plaintiff does not object to your claim, the
16 funds or other property that you have claimed as exempt must be
17 released not later than 10 days after the plaintiff receives
18 your claim form. If the plaintiff objects, the law requires a
19 hearing not later than 14 days after the plaintiff receives
20 your claim form, and notice of the objection and hearing date
21 will be mailed to you at the address that you put on the claim
22 form.

23 THE LAW ALSO PROVIDES OTHER EXEMPTION RIGHTS. IF NECESSARY, AN
24 ATTORNEY CAN ASSIST YOU TO ASSERT THESE AND OTHER RIGHTS, BUT
25 YOU MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY TO AVOID LOSS OF RIGHTS BY DELAY.

26 (2) The claim form required by RCW 6.27.130(1) to be mailed to or
27 served on an individual judgment debtor shall be in the following form,
28 printed or typed in type no smaller than elite type:

29 [Caption to be filled in by judgment creditor
30 or plaintiff before mailing.]
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32 Name of Court
33 No.....
34 Plaintiff,

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Defendant,
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Garnishee Defendant

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Read this whole form after reading the enclosed notice. Then put an X in the box or boxes that describe your exemption claim or claims and write in the necessary information on the blank lines. If additional space is needed, use the bottom of the last page or attach another sheet.
- 2. Make two copies of the completed form. Deliver the original form by first-class mail or in person to the clerk of the court, whose address is shown at the bottom of the writ of garnishment. Deliver one of the copies by first-class mail or in person to the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are shown at the bottom of the writ. Keep the other copy. **YOU SHOULD DO THIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 28 DAYS (4 WEEKS) AFTER THE DATE ON THE WRIT.**

I/We claim the following money or property as exempt:

IF BANK ACCOUNT IS GARNISHED:

- The account contains payments from:
 - Temporary assistance for needy families, SSI, or other public assistance. I receive \$ monthly.
 - Social Security. I receive \$ monthly.
 - Veterans' Benefits. I receive \$ monthly.
 - U.S. Government Pension. I receive \$ monthly.
 - Unemployment Compensation. I receive \$ monthly.

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2 Your signature Signature of husband
3 ((~~or~~), wife, or state
4 registered domestic partner
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7 Address Address
8 (if different from yours)
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10 Telephone number Telephone number
11 (if different from yours)

12 CAUTION: If the plaintiff objects to your claim, you will have to
13 go to court and give proof of your claim. For example, if you claim
14 that a bank account is exempt, you may have to show the judge your bank
15 statements and papers that show the source of the money you deposited
16 in the bank. Your claim may be granted more quickly if you attach
17 copies of such proof to your claim.

18 IF THE JUDGE DENIES YOUR EXEMPTION CLAIM, YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY THE
19 PLAINTIFF'S COSTS. IF THE JUDGE DECIDES THAT YOU DID NOT MAKE THE
20 CLAIM IN GOOD FAITH, HE OR SHE MAY DECIDE THAT YOU MUST PAY THE
21 PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY FEES.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. A new section is added to chapter 7.08 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
25 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
26 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
27 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
28 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
29 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
30 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
31 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
32 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
33 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
34 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
35 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. A new section is added to chapter 7.68 RCW

2 to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. A new section is added to chapter 9.58 RCW

16 to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. A new section is added to chapter 9.68 RCW

30 to read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
32 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
33 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
34 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
35 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
36 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** A new section is added to chapter 9.68A RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** A new section is added to chapter 9.94A RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.16 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.40 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.44 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
32 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
33 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
34 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
35 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
36 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 **Sec. 23.** RCW 9A.44.010 and 2007 c 20 s 3 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 As used in this chapter:

10 (1) "Sexual intercourse" (a) has its ordinary meaning and occurs
11 upon any penetration, however slight, and

12 (b) Also means any penetration of the vagina or anus however
13 slight, by an object, when committed on one person by another, whether
14 such persons are of the same or opposite sex, except when such
15 penetration is accomplished for medically recognized treatment or
16 diagnostic purposes, and

17 (c) Also means any act of sexual contact between persons involving
18 the sex organs of one person and the mouth or anus of another whether
19 such persons are of the same or opposite sex.

20 (2) "Sexual contact" means any touching of the sexual or other
21 intimate parts of a person done for the purpose of gratifying sexual
22 desire of either party or a third party.

23 (3) "Married" means one who is legally married to or in a state
24 registered domestic partnership with another, but does not include a
25 person who is living separate and apart from his or her spouse or
26 domestic partner and who has filed in an appropriate court for legal
27 separation ((~~or~~)), for dissolution of his or her marriage, or for
28 termination or dissolution of a state registered domestic partnership.

29 (4) "Mental incapacity" is that condition existing at the time of
30 the offense which prevents a person from understanding the nature or
31 consequences of the act of sexual intercourse whether that condition is
32 produced by illness, defect, the influence of a substance or from some
33 other cause.

34 (5) "Physically helpless" means a person who is unconscious or for
35 any other reason is physically unable to communicate unwillingness to
36 an act.

1 (6) "Forcible compulsion" means physical force which overcomes
2 resistance, or a threat, express or implied, that places a person in
3 fear of death or physical injury to herself or himself or another
4 person, or in fear that she or he or another person will be kidnapped.

5 (7) "Consent" means that at the time of the act of sexual
6 intercourse or sexual contact there are actual words or conduct
7 indicating freely given agreement to have sexual intercourse or sexual
8 contact.

9 (8) "Significant relationship" means a situation in which the
10 perpetrator is:

11 (a) A person who undertakes the responsibility, professionally or
12 voluntarily, to provide education, health, welfare, or organized
13 recreational activities principally for minors;

14 (b) A person who in the course of his or her employment supervises
15 minors; or

16 (c) A person who provides welfare, health or residential
17 assistance, personal care, or organized recreational activities to
18 frail elders or vulnerable adults, including a provider, employee,
19 temporary employee, volunteer, or independent contractor who supplies
20 services to long-term care facilities licensed or required to be
21 licensed under chapter 18.20, 18.51, 72.36, or 70.128 RCW, and home
22 health, hospice, or home care agencies licensed or required to be
23 licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW, but not including a consensual
24 sexual partner.

25 (9) "Abuse of a supervisory position" means:

26 (a) To use a direct or indirect threat or promise to exercise
27 authority to the detriment or benefit of a minor; or

28 (b) To exploit a significant relationship in order to obtain the
29 consent of a minor.

30 (10) "Person with a developmental disability," for purposes of RCW
31 9A.44.050(1)(c) and 9A.44.100(1)(c), means a person with a
32 developmental disability as defined in RCW 71A.10.020.

33 (11) "Person with supervisory authority," for purposes of RCW
34 9A.44.050(1) (c) or (e) and 9A.44.100(1) (c) or (e), means any
35 proprietor or employee of any public or private care or treatment
36 facility who directly supervises developmentally disabled, mentally
37 disordered, or chemically dependent persons at the facility.

1 (12) "Person with a mental disorder" for the purposes of RCW
2 9A.44.050(1)(e) and 9A.44.100(1)(e) means a person with a "mental
3 disorder" as defined in RCW 71.05.020.

4 (13) "Person with a chemical dependency" for purposes of RCW
5 9A.44.050(1)(e) and 9A.44.100(1)(e) means a person who is "chemically
6 dependent" as defined in RCW 70.96A.020(4).

7 (14) "Health care provider" for purposes of RCW 9A.44.050 and
8 9A.44.100 means a person who is, holds himself or herself out to be, or
9 provides services as if he or she were: (a) A member of a health care
10 profession under chapter 18.130 RCW; or (b) registered under chapter
11 18.19 RCW or licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW, regardless of whether
12 the health care provider is licensed, certified, or registered by the
13 state.

14 (15) "Treatment" for purposes of RCW 9A.44.050 and 9A.44.100 means
15 the active delivery of professional services by a health care provider
16 which the health care provider holds himself or herself out to be
17 qualified to provide.

18 (16) "Frail elder or vulnerable adult" means a person sixty years
19 of age or older who has the functional, mental, or physical inability
20 to care for himself or herself. "Frail elder or vulnerable adult" also
21 includes a person found incapacitated under chapter 11.88 RCW, a person
22 over eighteen years of age who has a developmental disability under
23 chapter 71A.10 RCW, a person admitted to a long-term care facility that
24 is licensed or required to be licensed under chapter 18.20, 18.51,
25 72.36, or 70.128 RCW, and a person receiving services from a home
26 health, hospice, or home care agency licensed or required to be
27 licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** A new section is added to chapter 10.77 RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
31 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
32 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
33 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
34 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
35 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
36 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
37 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict

1 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
2 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
3 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
4 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

5 **Sec. 25.** RCW 10.77.205 and 2000 c 94 s 17 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1)(a) At the earliest possible date, and in no event later than
8 thirty days before conditional release, release, authorized furlough
9 pursuant to RCW 10.77.163, or transfer to a less-restrictive facility
10 than a state mental hospital, the superintendent shall send written
11 notice of the conditional release, release, authorized furlough, or
12 transfer of a person who has been found not guilty of a sex, violent,
13 or felony harassment offense by reason of insanity and who is now in
14 the custody of the department pursuant to this chapter, to the
15 following:

16 (i) The chief of police of the city, if any, in which the person
17 will reside; and

18 (ii) The sheriff of the county in which the person will reside.

19 (b) The same notice as required by (a) of this subsection shall be
20 sent to the following, if such notice has been requested in writing
21 about a specific person committed under this chapter:

22 (i) The victim of the crime for which the person was committed or
23 the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide;

24 (ii) Any witnesses who testified against the person in any court
25 proceedings; and

26 (iii) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney.
27 Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting the
28 notice, information regarding any other person specified in writing by
29 the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the notice are
30 confidential and shall not be available to the person committed under
31 this chapter.

32 (c) In addition to the notice requirements of (a) and (b) of this
33 subsection, the superintendent shall comply with RCW 10.77.163.

34 (d) The thirty-day notice requirement contained in (a) and (b) of
35 this subsection shall not apply to emergency medical furloughs.

36 (e) The existence of the notice requirements in (a) and (b) of this

1 subsection shall not require any extension of the release date in the
2 event the release plan changes after notification.

3 (2) If a person who has been found not guilty of a sex, violent, or
4 felony harassment offense by reason of insanity and who is committed
5 under this chapter escapes, the superintendent shall immediately
6 notify, by the most reasonable and expedient means available, the chief
7 of police of the city and the sheriff of the county in which the person
8 resided immediately before the person's arrest. If previously
9 requested, the superintendent shall also notify the witnesses and the
10 victim, if any, of the crime for which the person was committed or the
11 victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide. The superintendent
12 shall also notify appropriate persons pursuant to RCW 10.77.165. If
13 the person is recaptured, the secretary shall send notice to the
14 persons designated in this subsection as soon as possible but in no
15 event later than two working days after the department learns of such
16 recapture.

17 (3) If the victim, the victim's next of kin, or any witness is
18 under the age of sixteen, the notice required by this section shall be
19 sent to the parents or legal guardian of the child.

20 (4) The department shall send the notices required by this chapter
21 to the last address provided to the department by the requesting party.
22 The requesting party shall furnish the department with a current
23 address.

24 (5) For purposes of this section the following terms have the
25 following meanings:

26 (a) "Violent offense" means a violent offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

27 (b) "Sex offense" means a sex offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

28 (c) "Next of kin" means a person's spouse, state registered
29 domestic partner, parents, siblings, and children;

30 (d) "Authorized furlough" means a furlough granted after compliance
31 with RCW 10.77.163;

32 (e) "Felony harassment offense" means a crime of harassment as
33 defined in RCW 9A.46.060 that is a felony.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** A new section is added to chapter 10.95 RCW
35 to read as follows:

36 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
37 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall

1 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
2 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
3 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
4 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
5 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
6 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
7 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
8 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
9 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
10 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 27.** A new section is added to chapter 10.99 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
14 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
15 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
16 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
17 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
18 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
19 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
20 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
21 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
22 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
23 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
24 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 28.** A new section is added to chapter 10.101
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
28 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
29 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
30 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
31 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
32 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
33 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
34 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
35 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 29.** A new section is added to chapter 11.40 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
7 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
8 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
9 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
10 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
11 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
12 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
13 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
14 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
15 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
16 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
17 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 30.** A new section is added to chapter 11.42 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
21 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
22 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
23 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
24 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
25 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
26 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
27 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
28 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
29 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
30 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
31 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 31.** A new section is added to chapter 11.68 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
35 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall

1 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
2 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
3 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
4 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
5 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
6 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
7 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
8 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
9 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
10 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 32.** A new section is added to chapter 11.88 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
14 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
15 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
16 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
17 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
18 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
19 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
20 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
21 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
22 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
23 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
24 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

25 **Sec. 33.** RCW 11.88.030 and 1996 c 249 s 8 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 (1) Any person or entity may petition for the appointment of a
28 qualified person, trust company, national bank, or nonprofit
29 corporation authorized in RCW 11.88.020 as the guardian or limited
30 guardian of an incapacitated person. No liability for filing a
31 petition for guardianship or limited guardianship shall attach to a
32 petitioner acting in good faith and upon reasonable basis. A petition
33 for guardianship or limited guardianship shall state:

34 (a) The name, age, residence, and post office address of the
35 alleged incapacitated person;

- 1 (b) The nature of the alleged incapacity in accordance with RCW
2 11.88.010;
- 3 (c) The approximate value and description of property, including
4 any compensation, pension, insurance, or allowance, to which the
5 alleged incapacitated person may be entitled;
- 6 (d) Whether there is, in any state, a guardian or limited guardian,
7 or pending guardianship action for the person or estate of the alleged
8 incapacitated person;
- 9 (e) The residence and post office address of the person whom
10 petitioner asks to be appointed guardian or limited guardian;
- 11 (f) The names and addresses, and nature of the relationship, so far
12 as known or can be reasonably ascertained, of the persons most closely
13 related by blood ~~((or))~~, marriage, or state registered domestic
14 partnership to the alleged incapacitated person;
- 15 (g) The name and address of the person or facility having the care
16 and custody of the alleged incapacitated person;
- 17 (h) The reason why the appointment of a guardian or limited
18 guardian is sought and the interest of the petitioner in the
19 appointment, and whether the appointment is sought as guardian or
20 limited guardian of the person, the estate, or both;
- 21 (i) A description of any alternate arrangements previously made by
22 the alleged incapacitated person, such as trusts or powers of attorney,
23 including identifying any guardianship nominations contained in a power
24 of attorney, and why a guardianship is nevertheless necessary;
- 25 (j) The nature and degree of the alleged incapacity and the
26 specific areas of protection and assistance requested and the
27 limitation of rights requested to be included in the court's order of
28 appointment;
- 29 (k) The requested term of the limited guardianship to be included
30 in the court's order of appointment;
- 31 (l) Whether the petitioner is proposing a specific individual to
32 act as guardian ad litem and, if so, the individual's knowledge of or
33 relationship to any of the parties, and why the individual is proposed.
- 34 (2)(a) The attorney general may petition for the appointment of a
35 guardian or limited guardian in any case in which there is cause to
36 believe that a guardianship is necessary and no private party is able
37 and willing to petition.

1 (b) Prepayment of a filing fee shall not be required in any
2 guardianship or limited guardianship brought by the attorney general.
3 Payment of the filing fee shall be ordered from the estate of the
4 incapacitated person at the hearing on the merits of the petition,
5 unless in the judgment of the court, such payment would impose a
6 hardship upon the incapacitated person, in which case the filing shall
7 be waived.

8 (3) No filing fee shall be charged by the court for filing either
9 a petition for guardianship or a petition for limited guardianship if
10 the petition alleges that the alleged incapacitated person has total
11 assets of a value of less than three thousand dollars.

12 (4)(a) Notice that a guardianship proceeding has been commenced
13 shall be personally served upon the alleged incapacitated person and
14 the guardian ad litem along with a copy of the petition for appointment
15 of a guardian. Such notice shall be served not more than five court
16 days after the petition has been filed.

17 (b) Notice under this subsection shall include a clear and easily
18 readable statement of the legal rights of the alleged incapacitated
19 person that could be restricted or transferred to a guardian by a
20 guardianship order as well as the right to counsel of choice and to a
21 jury trial on the issue of incapacity. Such notice shall be in
22 substantially the following form and shall be in capital letters,
23 double-spaced, and in a type size not smaller than ten-point type:

24 IMPORTANT NOTICE
25 PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

26 A PETITION TO HAVE A GUARDIAN APPOINTED FOR YOU HAS BEEN FILED IN THE
27 COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT BY IF A GUARDIAN IS
28 APPOINTED, YOU COULD LOSE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- 29 (1) TO MARRY ((~~OR~~)), DIVORCE, OR ENTER INTO OR END A STATE
30 REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP;
- 31 (2) TO VOTE OR HOLD AN ELECTED OFFICE;
- 32 (3) TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR MAKE OR REVOKE A WILL;
- 33 (4) TO APPOINT SOMEONE TO ACT ON YOUR BEHALF;
- 34 (5) TO SUE AND BE SUED OTHER THAN THROUGH A GUARDIAN;
- 35 (6) TO POSSESS A LICENSE TO DRIVE;
- 36 (7) TO BUY, SELL, OWN, MORTGAGE, OR LEASE PROPERTY;
- 37 (8) TO CONSENT TO OR REFUSE MEDICAL TREATMENT;
- 38 (9) TO DECIDE WHO SHALL PROVIDE CARE AND ASSISTANCE;

1 (10) TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING SOCIAL ASPECTS OF YOUR LIFE.
2 UNDER THE LAW, YOU HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS.
3 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY A LAWYER OF YOUR OWN CHOOSING.
4 THE COURT WILL APPOINT A LAWYER TO REPRESENT YOU IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO
5 PAY OR PAYMENT WOULD RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL HARDSHIP TO YOU.
6 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR A JURY TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT YOU NEED
7 A GUARDIAN TO HELP YOU.
8 YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT IN COURT AND TESTIFY WHEN THE HEARING
9 IS HELD TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT YOU NEED A GUARDIAN. IF A GUARDIAN AD
10 LITEM IS APPOINTED, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST THE COURT TO REPLACE
11 THAT PERSON.

12 (5) All petitions filed under the provisions of this section shall
13 be heard within sixty days unless an extension of time is requested by
14 a party or the guardian ad litem within such sixty day period and
15 granted for good cause shown. If an extension is granted, the court
16 shall set a new hearing date.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 34.** A new section is added to chapter 11.94 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 35.** A new section is added to chapter 11.95 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 36.** A new section is added to chapter 11.98 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 37.** A new section is added to chapter 11.104A
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 38.** A new section is added to chapter 11.108
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 39.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 40.** A new section is added to chapter 13.64 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 41.** A new section is added to chapter 18.20 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 42.** A new section is added to chapter 18.35 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 43.** A new section is added to chapter 18.51 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 44.** A new section is added to chapter 18.96 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 45.** A new section is added to chapter 18.118
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 46.** A new section is added to chapter 18.120
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 47.** A new section is added to chapter 19.09 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 48.** A new section is added to chapter 19.16 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 49.** A new section is added to chapter 19.36 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 50.** A new section is added to chapter 19.40 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 51.** A new section is added to chapter 19.120
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 52.** A new section is added to chapter 19.205
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 53.** A new section is added to chapter 19.220
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 54.** A new section is added to chapter 19.225
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 55.** A new section is added to chapter 21.20 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 56.** A new section is added to chapter 21.35 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 57.** A new section is added to chapter 23B.08
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 58.** A new section is added to chapter 23B.19
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 59.** A new section is added to chapter 26.09 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 60.** A new section is added to chapter 26.18 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 61.** A new section is added to chapter 26.21A
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 62.** A new section is added to chapter 26.26 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 63.** A new section is added to chapter 26.27 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 64.** A new section is added to chapter 26.33 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 **Sec. 65.** RCW 26.60.040 and 2007 c 156 s 5 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 (1) Two persons desiring to become state registered domestic
34 partners who meet the requirements of RCW 26.60.030 may register their
35 domestic partnership by filing a declaration of state registered

1 domestic partnership with the secretary and paying the filing fee
2 established pursuant to subsection (4) of this section. The
3 declaration must be signed by both parties and notarized.

4 (2) Upon receipt of a signed, notarized declaration and the filing
5 fee, the secretary shall register the declaration and provide a
6 certificate of state registered domestic partnership to each party
7 named on the declaration.

8 (3) The secretary shall permanently maintain a record of each
9 declaration of state registered domestic partnership filed with the
10 secretary. The secretary has the authority to update the records to
11 reflect changes in the status of a state registered domestic
12 partnership, such as a change of address, name, dissolution, or death.
13 The secretary shall provide the state registrar of vital statistics
14 with records of declarations of state registered domestic partnerships.

15 (4) The secretary shall set by rule and collect a reasonable fee
16 for filing the declaration, calculated to cover the secretary's costs,
17 but not to exceed fifty dollars. Fees collected under this section are
18 expressly designated for deposit in the secretary of state's revolving
19 fund established under RCW 43.07.130.

20 **Sec. 66.** RCW 26.60.090 and 2008 c 6 s 1101 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 A legal union of two persons of the same sex, other than a
23 marriage, that was validly formed in another jurisdiction, and that is
24 substantially equivalent to a domestic partnership under this chapter,
25 shall be recognized as a valid domestic partnership in this state and
26 shall be treated the same as a domestic partnership registered in this
27 state regardless of whether it bears the name domestic partnership.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 67.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
31 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
32 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
33 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
34 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
35 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
36 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or

1 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
2 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
3 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
4 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
5 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 68.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
9 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
10 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
11 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
12 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
13 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
14 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
15 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
16 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
17 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
18 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
19 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships. The rules and
20 time periods to establish residency that apply to spouses of Washington
21 residents shall apply equally to state registered domestic partners of
22 Washington residents.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 69.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
26 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
27 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
28 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
29 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
30 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
31 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
32 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
33 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
34 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
35 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
36 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 70.** A new section is added to chapter 30.22 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 71.** A new section is added to chapter 31.12 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 72.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
32 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
33 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
34 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
35 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
36 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 73.** A new section is added to chapter 35.54 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 74.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.01
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 75.** A new section is added to chapter 36.17 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 76.** A new section is added to chapter 36.88 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 77.** A new section is added to chapter 38.42 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
32 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
33 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
34 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
35 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
36 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 78.** A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 79.** A new section is added to chapter 41.04 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 80.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 **Sec. 81.** RCW 41.05.066 and 2007 c 156 s 9 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 A certificate of domestic partnership issued (~~to a couple of the~~
18 ~~same sex~~) under the provisions of RCW 26.60.030 shall be recognized as
19 evidence of a qualified (~~same sex~~) domestic partnership fulfilling
20 all necessary eligibility criteria for the partner of the employee to
21 receive benefits. Nothing in this section affects the requirements of
22 (~~same sex~~) domestic partners to complete documentation related to
23 federal tax status that may currently be required by the board for
24 employees choosing to make premium payments on a pretax basis.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 82.** A new section is added to chapter 41.06 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
28 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
29 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
30 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
31 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
32 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
33 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
34 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
35 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 83.** A new section is added to chapter 41.16 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
7 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
8 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
9 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
10 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
11 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
12 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
13 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
14 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
15 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
16 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
17 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

18 **Sec. 84.** RCW 41.16.010 and 2007 c 218 s 18 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 For the purpose of this chapter, unless clearly indicated by the
21 context, words and phrases shall have the following meaning:

22 (1) "Beneficiary" shall mean any person or persons designated by a
23 firefighter in a writing filed with the board, and who shall be
24 entitled to receive any benefits of a deceased firefighter under this
25 chapter.

26 (2) "Board" shall mean the municipal firefighters' pension board.

27 (3) "Child or children" shall mean a child or children unmarried
28 and under eighteen years of age.

29 (4) "Contributions" shall mean and include all sums deducted from
30 the salary of firefighters and paid into the fund as hereinafter
31 provided.

32 (5) "Disability" shall mean and include injuries or sickness
33 sustained as a result of the performance of duty.

34 (6) "Firefighter" shall mean any person regularly or temporarily,
35 or as a substitute, employed and paid as a member of a fire department,

1 who has passed a civil service examination for firefighter and who is
2 actively employed as a firefighter; and shall include any "prior
3 firefighter."

4 (7) "Fire department" shall mean the regularly organized, full
5 time, paid, and employed force of firefighters of the municipality.

6 (8) "Fund" shall mean the firefighters' pension fund created
7 herein.

8 (9) "Municipality" shall mean every city and town having a
9 regularly organized full time, paid, fire department employing
10 firefighters.

11 (10) "Performance of duty" shall mean the performance of work and
12 labor regularly required of firefighters and shall include services of
13 an emergency nature rendered while off regular duty, but shall not
14 include time spent in traveling to work before answering roll call or
15 traveling from work after dismissal at roll call.

16 (11) "Prior firefighter" shall mean a firefighter who was actively
17 employed as a firefighter of a fire department prior to the first day
18 of January, 1947, and who continues such employment thereafter.

19 (12) "Retired firefighter" shall mean and include a person employed
20 as a firefighter and retired under the provisions of chapter 50, Laws
21 of 1909, as amended.

22 (13) "Widow or widower" means the surviving wife ((~~or~~)) husband,
23 or state registered domestic partner of a retired firefighter who was
24 retired on account of length of service and who was lawfully married
25 to, or in a state registered domestic partnership with, such
26 firefighter; and whenever that term is used with reference to the wife
27 or former wife ((~~or~~)) husband or former husband, or current or former
28 state registered domestic partner of a retired firefighter who was
29 retired because of disability, it shall mean his or her lawfully
30 married wife ((~~or~~)) husband, or state registered domestic partner on
31 the date he or she sustained the injury or contracted the illness that
32 resulted in his or her disability. Said term shall not mean or include
33 a surviving wife ((~~or~~)) husband, or state registered domestic partner
34 who by process of law within one year prior to the retired
35 firefighter's death, collected or attempted to collect from him or her
36 funds for the support of herself or himself or for his or her children.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 85.** A new section is added to chapter 41.18 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 **Sec. 86.** RCW 41.18.010 and 2007 c 218 s 41 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 For the purpose of this chapter, unless clearly indicated otherwise
18 by the context, words and phrases shall have the meaning hereinafter
19 ascribed.

20 (1) "Beneficiary" shall mean any person or persons designated by a
21 firefighter in a writing filed with the board, and who shall be
22 entitled to receive any benefits of a deceased firefighter under this
23 chapter.

24 (2) "Firefighter" means any person hereafter regularly or
25 temporarily, or as a substitute newly employed and paid as a member of
26 a fire department, who has passed a civil service examination for
27 firefighters and who is actively employed as a firefighter or, if
28 provided by the municipality by appropriate local legislation, as a
29 fire dispatcher: PROVIDED, Nothing in chapter 209, Laws of 1969 ex.
30 sess. shall impair or permit the impairment of any vested pension
31 rights of persons who are employed as fire dispatchers at the time
32 chapter 209, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. takes effect; and any person
33 heretofore regularly or temporarily, or as a substitute, employed and
34 paid as a member of a fire department, and who has contributed under
35 and been covered by the provisions of chapter 41.16 RCW as now or
36 hereafter amended and who has come under the provisions of this chapter

1 in accordance with RCW 41.18.170 and who is actively engaged as a
2 firefighter or as a member of the fire department as a firefighter or
3 fire dispatcher.

4 (3) "Retired firefighter" means and includes a person employed as
5 a firefighter and retired under the provisions of this chapter.

6 (4) "Basic salary" means the basic monthly salary, including
7 longevity pay, attached to the rank held by the retired firefighter at
8 the date of his or her retirement, without regard to extra compensation
9 which such firefighter may have received for special duties assignments
10 not acquired through civil service examination: PROVIDED, That such
11 basic salary shall not be deemed to exceed the salary of a battalion
12 chief.

13 (5) "Widow or widower" means the surviving spouse of a firefighter
14 and shall include the surviving wife ((~~or~~)), husband, or state
15 registered domestic partner of a firefighter, retired on account of
16 length of service, who was lawfully married to, or in a state
17 registered domestic partnership with, him or to her for a period of
18 five years prior to the time of his or her retirement; and the
19 surviving wife ((~~or~~)), husband, or state registered domestic partner of
20 a firefighter, retired on account of disability, who was lawfully
21 married to, or in a state registered domestic partnership with, him or
22 her at and prior to the time he or she sustained the injury or
23 contracted the illness resulting in his or her disability. The word
24 shall not mean the divorced wife or husband or former state registered
25 domestic partner of an active or retired firefighter.

26 (6) "Child" or "children" means a firefighter's child or children
27 under the age of eighteen years, unmarried, and in the legal custody of
28 such firefighter at the time of his death or her death.

29 (7) "Earned interest" means and includes all annual increments to
30 the firefighters' pension fund from income earned by investment of the
31 fund. The earned interest payable to any firefighter when he or she
32 leaves the service and accepts his or her contributions, shall be that
33 portion of the total earned income of the fund which is directly
34 attributable to each individual firefighter's contributions. Earnings
35 of the fund for the preceding year attributable to individual
36 contributions shall be allocated to individual firefighters' accounts
37 as of January 1st of each year.

38 (8) "Board" shall mean the municipal firefighters' pension board.

1 (9) "Contributions" shall mean and include all sums deducted from
2 the salary of firefighters and paid into the fund as hereinafter
3 provided.

4 (10) "Disability" shall mean and include injuries or sickness
5 sustained by a firefighter.

6 (11) "Fire department" shall mean the regularly organized, full
7 time, paid, and employed force of firefighters of the municipality.

8 (12) "Fund" shall have the same meaning as in RCW 41.16.010 as now
9 or hereafter amended. Such fund shall be created in the manner and be
10 subject to the provisions specified in chapter 41.16 RCW as now or
11 hereafter amended.

12 (13) "Municipality" shall mean every city, town and fire protection
13 district having a regularly organized full time, paid, fire department
14 employing firefighters.

15 (14) "Performance of duty" shall mean the performance of work or
16 labor regularly required of firefighters and shall include services of
17 an emergency nature normally rendered while off regular duty.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 87.** A new section is added to chapter 41.20 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
21 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
22 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
23 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
24 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
25 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
26 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
27 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
28 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
29 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
30 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
31 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 88.** A new section is added to chapter 41.24 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
35 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
36 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 89.** A new section is added to chapter 41.26 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 90.** A new section is added to chapter 41.28 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 91.** A new section is added to chapter 41.32 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 92.** A new section is added to chapter 41.34 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 93.** A new section is added to chapter 41.35 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 94.** A new section is added to chapter 41.37 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 95.** A new section is added to chapter 41.40 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 96.** A new section is added to chapter 41.44 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 97.** A new section is added to chapter 41.50 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 98.** A new section is added to chapter 41.54 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 99.** A new section is added to chapter 41.68 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 100.** A new section is added to chapter 42.23
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** A new section is added to chapter 42.52
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20B
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 103.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 104.** A new section is added to chapter 43.56
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 105.** A new section is added to chapter 43.180
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 106.** A new section is added to chapter 43.215
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 107.** A new section is added to chapter 43.235
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 108.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 109.** A new section is added to chapter 48.17
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 110.** A new section is added to chapter 48.18
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 111.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 112.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 113.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21A
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 114.** A new section is added to chapter 48.22
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 115.** A new section is added to chapter 48.23
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 116.** A new section is added to chapter 48.24
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 117.** A new section is added to chapter 48.25
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 118.** A new section is added to chapter 48.29
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 119.** A new section is added to chapter 48.30
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 120.** A new section is added to chapter 48.41
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 121.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 122.** A new section is added to chapter 48.44
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 123.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 124.** A new section is added to chapter 48.66
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 125.** A new section is added to chapter 48.76
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 126.** A new section is added to chapter 49.12
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 127.** A new section is added to chapter 49.48
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 128.** A new section is added to chapter 49.74
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic

1 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
2 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
3 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
4 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
5 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
6 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
7 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
8 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
9 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 129.** A new section is added to chapter 49.77
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
13 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
14 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
15 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
16 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
17 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
18 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
19 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
20 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
21 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
22 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
23 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 130.** A new section is added to chapter 49.78
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
27 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
28 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
29 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
30 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
31 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
32 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
33 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
34 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
35 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or

1 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
2 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

3 **Sec. 131.** RCW 49.78.020 and 2006 c 59 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
6 this section apply throughout this chapter.

7 (1) "Child" means a biological, adopted, or foster child, a
8 stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco
9 parentis, who is: (a) Under eighteen years of age; or (b) eighteen
10 years of age or older and incapable of self-care because of a mental or
11 physical disability.

12 (2) "Department" means the department of labor and industries.

13 (3) "Director" means the director of the department.

14 (4)(a) "Employee" means a person who has been employed: (i) For at
15 least twelve months by the employer with respect to whom leave is
16 requested under RCW 49.78.220; and (ii) for at least one thousand two
17 hundred fifty hours of service with the employer during the previous
18 twelve-month period.

19 (b) "Employee" does not mean a person who is employed at a worksite
20 at which the employer as defined in (a) of this subsection employs less
21 than fifty employees if the total number of employees employed by that
22 employer within seventy-five miles of that worksite is less than fifty.

23 (5) "Employer" means: (a) Any person, firm, corporation,
24 partnership, business trust, legal representative, or other business
25 entity which engages in any business, industry, profession, or activity
26 in this state and includes any unit of local government including, but
27 not limited to, a county, city, town, municipal corporation, quasi-
28 municipal corporation, or political subdivision, which employs fifty or
29 more employees for each working day during each of twenty or more
30 calendar workweeks in the current or preceding calendar year; (b) the
31 state, state institutions, and state agencies; and (c) any unit of
32 local government including, but not limited to, a county, city, town,
33 municipal corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, or political
34 subdivision.

35 (6) "Employment benefits" means all benefits provided or made
36 available to employees by an employer, including group life insurance,
37 health insurance, disability insurance, sick leave, annual leave,

1 educational benefits, and pensions except benefits that are provided by
2 a practice or written policy of an employer or through an employee
3 benefit plan as defined in 29 U.S.C. Sec. 1002(3).

4 (7) "Family member" means a child, parent, (~~(or)~~) spouse, or state
5 registered domestic partner of an employee.

6 (8) "Health care provider" means: (a) A person licensed as a
7 physician under chapter 18.71 RCW or an osteopathic physician and
8 surgeon under chapter 18.57 RCW; (b) a person licensed as an advanced
9 registered nurse practitioner under chapter 18.79 RCW; or (c) any other
10 person determined by the director to be capable of providing health
11 care services.

12 (9) "Intermittent leave" is leave taken in separate blocks of time
13 due to a single qualifying reason.

14 (10) "Leave for a family member's serious health condition" means
15 leave as described in RCW 49.78.220(1)(c).

16 (11) "Leave for the birth or placement of a child" means leave as
17 described in RCW 49.78.220(1) (a) or (b).

18 (12) "Leave for the employee's serious health condition" means
19 leave as described in RCW 49.78.220(1)(d).

20 (13) "Parent" means the biological or adoptive parent of an
21 employee or an individual who stood in loco parentis to an employee
22 when the employee was a child.

23 (14) "Period of incapacity" means an inability to work, attend
24 school, or perform other regular daily activities because of the
25 serious health condition, treatment of that condition or recovery from
26 it, or subsequent treatment in connection with such inpatient care.

27 (15) "Reduced leave schedule" means a leave schedule that reduces
28 the usual number of hours per workweek, or hours per workday, of an
29 employee.

30 (16)(a) "Serious health condition" means an illness, injury,
31 impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves:

32 (i) Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical
33 care facility, including any period of incapacity; or

34 (ii) Continuing treatment by a health care provider. A serious
35 health condition involving continuing treatment by a health care
36 provider includes any one or more of the following:

37 (A) A period of incapacity of more than three consecutive calendar

1 days, and any subsequent treatment or period of incapacity relating to
2 the same condition, that also involves:

3 (I) Treatment two or more times by a health care provider, by a
4 nurse or physician's assistant under direct supervision of a health
5 care provider, or by a provider of health care services under orders
6 of, or on referral by, a health care provider; or

7 (II) Treatment by a health care provider on at least one occasion
8 which results in a regimen of continuing treatment under the
9 supervision of the health care provider;

10 (B) Any period of incapacity due to pregnancy, or for prenatal
11 care;

12 (C) Any period of incapacity or treatment for such incapacity due
13 to a chronic serious health condition. A chronic serious health
14 condition is one which:

15 (I) Requires periodic visits for treatment by a health care
16 provider, or by a nurse or physician's assistant under direct
17 supervision of a health care provider;

18 (II) Continues over an extended period of time, including recurring
19 episodes of a single underlying condition; and

20 (III) May cause episodic rather than a continuing period of
21 incapacity;

22 (D) A period of incapacity which is permanent or long-term due to
23 a condition for which treatment may not be effective. The employee or
24 family member must be under the continuing supervision of, but need not
25 be receiving active treatment by, a health care provider; or

26 (E) Any period of absence to receive multiple treatments, including
27 any period of recovery from the treatments, by a health care provider
28 or by a provider of health care services under orders of, or on
29 referral by, a health care provider, either for restorative surgery
30 after an accident or other injury, or for a condition that would likely
31 result in a period of incapacity of more than three consecutive
32 calendar days in the absence of medical intervention or treatment, such
33 as cancer, severe arthritis, or kidney disease.

34 (b) Treatment for purposes of (a) of this subsection includes, but
35 is not limited to, examinations to determine if a serious health
36 condition exists and evaluations of the condition. Treatment does not
37 include routine physical examinations, eye examinations, or dental
38 examinations. Under (a)(ii)(A)(II) of this subsection, a regimen of

1 continuing treatment includes, but is not limited to, a course of
2 prescription medication or therapy requiring special equipment to
3 resolve or alleviate the health condition. A regimen of continuing
4 treatment that includes taking over-the-counter medications, such as
5 aspirin, antihistamines, or salves, or bed-rest, drinking fluids,
6 exercise, and other similar activities that can be initiated without a
7 visit to a health care provider, is not, by itself, sufficient to
8 constitute a regimen of continuing treatment for purposes of this
9 chapter.

10 (c) Conditions for which cosmetic treatments are administered are
11 not "serious health conditions" unless inpatient hospital care is
12 required or unless complications develop. Unless complications arise,
13 the common cold, the flu, ear aches, upset stomach, minor ulcers,
14 headaches other than migraine, routine dental or orthodontia problems,
15 and periodontal disease are examples of conditions that do not meet the
16 definition of a "serious health condition" and do not qualify for leave
17 under this chapter. Restorative dental or plastic surgery after an
18 injury or removal of cancerous growths are serious health conditions
19 provided all the other conditions of this section are met. Mental
20 illness resulting from stress or allergies may be serious health
21 conditions provided all the other conditions of this section are met.

22 (d) Substance abuse may be a serious health condition if the
23 conditions of this section are met. However, leave may only be taken
24 for treatment for substance abuse by a health care provider or by a
25 provider of health care services upon referral by a health care
26 provider. Absence from work because of the employee's use of the
27 substance, rather than for treatment, does not qualify for leave under
28 this chapter.

29 (e) Absences attributable to incapacity under (a)(ii)(B) or (C) of
30 this subsection qualify for leave under this chapter even though the
31 employee or the immediate family member does not receive treatment from
32 a health care provider during the absence, and even if the absence does
33 not last more than three days.

34 (17) "Spouse" means a husband or wife, as the case may be, or state
35 registered domestic partner.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 132.** A new section is added to chapter 49.86
37 RCW to read as follows:

1 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
2 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
3 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
4 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
5 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
6 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
7 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
8 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
9 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
10 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
11 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
12 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 133.** A new section is added to chapter 50.04
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
16 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
17 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
18 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
19 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
20 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
21 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
22 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
23 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
24 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
25 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
26 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 134.** A new section is added to chapter 51.08
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
30 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
31 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
32 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
33 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
34 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
35 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
36 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict

1 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
2 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
3 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
4 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 135.** A new section is added to chapter 59.18
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
8 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
9 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
10 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
11 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
12 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
13 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
14 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
15 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
16 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
17 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
18 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 136.** A new section is added to chapter 59.20
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
22 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
23 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
24 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
25 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
26 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
27 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
28 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
29 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
30 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
31 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
32 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 137.** A new section is added to chapter 59.21
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,

1 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
2 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
3 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
4 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
5 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
6 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
7 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
8 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
9 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
10 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
11 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 138.** A new section is added to chapter 59.22
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
15 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
16 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
17 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
18 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
19 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
20 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
21 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
22 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
23 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
24 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
25 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 139.** A new section is added to chapter 62A.1
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
29 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
30 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
31 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
32 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
33 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
34 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
35 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
36 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 140.** A new section is added to chapter 65.12
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
7 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
8 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
9 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
10 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
11 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
12 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
13 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
14 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
15 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
16 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
17 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

18 **Sec. 141.** RCW 65.12.035 and 1907 c 250 s 7 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 The form of application may, with appropriate changes, be
21 substantially as follows:

22 FORM OF APPLICATION FOR
23 INITIAL REGISTRATION OF TITLE TO LAND

24 State of Washington }
25 } ss.
26 County of, }
27 In the superior court of the state of Washington in and for
28 county.

29 In the matter of the }
30 application of }
31 to register the title } PETITION
32 to the land hereinafter }
33 described }

1 To the Honorable, judge of said court: I hereby
2 make application to have registered the title to the land
3 hereinafter described, and do solemnly swear that the
4 answers to the questions herewith, and the statements herein
5 contained, are true to the best of my knowledge,
6 information and belief.

7 First. Name of applicant,, age, years.
8 Residence, (number and street, if any).
9 Married to or in a state registered domestic partnership with
10 (name of husband ((~~or~~)), wife, or state registered
11 domestic partner).

12 Second. Applications made by, acting as
13 (owner, agent or attorney). Residence,
14 (number, street).

15 Third. Description of real estate is as follows:
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20 estate or interest therein is and subject to
21 homestead.

22 Fourth. The land is occupied by
23 (names of occupants), whose address is
24 (number street and town or city). The estate, interest or
25 claim of occupant is

26 Fifth. Liens and incumbrances on the land
27 Name of holder or owner thereof is Whose post
28 office address is Amount of claim, \$.
29 Recorded, Book, page, of the records of said
30 county.

31 Sixth. Other persons, firm or corporation having or
32 claiming any estate, interest or claim in law or equity, in
33 possession, remainder, reversion or expectancy in said land
34 are whose addresses are respectively.
35 Character of estate, interest or claim is

1 Seventh. Other facts connected with said land and
2 appropriate to be considered in this registration proceeding
3 are

4 Eighth. Therefore, the applicant prays this honorable
5 court to find or declare the title or interest of the applicant
6 in said land and decree the same, and order the registrar of
7 titles to register the same and to grant such other and further
8 relief as may be proper in the premises.

9

10 (Applicant's signature)

11 By, agent, attorney, administrator or guardian.

12 Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of
13, A.D. 19...

14

15 Notary Public in and for the state

16 of Washington, residing at

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 142.** A new section is added to chapter 66.24
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 143.** A new section is added to chapter 67.70
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
34 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
35 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
36 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships

1 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
2 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
3 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
4 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
5 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
6 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
7 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
8 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 144.** A new section is added to chapter 68.04
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
12 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
13 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
14 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
15 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
16 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
17 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
18 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
19 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
20 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
21 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
22 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 145.** A new section is added to chapter 70.02
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
26 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
27 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
28 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
29 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
30 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
31 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
32 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
33 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
34 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
35 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
36 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 146.** A new section is added to chapter 70.24
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 147.** A new section is added to chapter 70.47
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 148.** A new section is added to chapter 70.47A
30 RCW to read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
32 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
33 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
34 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
35 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
36 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 149.** A new section is added to chapter 70.122
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 150.** A new section is added to chapter 70.128
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 151.** A new section is added to chapter 70.190
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 152.** A new section is added to chapter 71.05
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 **Sec. 153.** RCW 71.05.425 and 2008 c 213 s 10 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, at the
32 earliest possible date, and in no event later than thirty days before
33 conditional release, final release, authorized leave under RCW
34 71.05.325(2), or transfer to a facility other than a state mental
35 hospital, the superintendent shall send written notice of conditional
36 release, release, authorized leave, or transfer of a person committed

1 under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3)(c) following dismissal of a sex,
2 violent, or felony harassment offense pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4) to
3 the following:

4 (i) The chief of police of the city, if any, in which the person
5 will reside; and

6 (ii) The sheriff of the county in which the person will reside.

7 (b) The same notice as required by (a) of this subsection shall be
8 sent to the following, if such notice has been requested in writing
9 about a specific person committed under RCW 71.05.280(3) or
10 71.05.320(3)(c) following dismissal of a sex, violent, or felony
11 harassment offense pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4):

12 (i) The victim of the sex, violent, or felony harassment offense
13 that was dismissed pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4) preceding commitment
14 under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3)(c) or the victim's next of kin
15 if the crime was a homicide;

16 (ii) Any witnesses who testified against the person in any court
17 proceedings; and

18 (iii) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney.
19 Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting the
20 notice, information regarding any other person specified in writing by
21 the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the notice are
22 confidential and shall not be available to the person committed under
23 this chapter.

24 (c) The thirty-day notice requirements contained in this subsection
25 shall not apply to emergency medical transfers.

26 (d) The existence of the notice requirements in this subsection
27 will not require any extension of the release date in the event the
28 release plan changes after notification.

29 (2) If a person committed under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3)(c)
30 following dismissal of a sex, violent, or felony harassment offense
31 pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4) escapes, the superintendent shall
32 immediately notify, by the most reasonable and expedient means
33 available, the chief of police of the city and the sheriff of the
34 county in which the person resided immediately before the person's
35 arrest. If previously requested, the superintendent shall also notify
36 the witnesses and the victim of the sex, violent, or felony harassment
37 offense that was dismissed pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4) preceding
38 commitment under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3) or the victim's next

1 of kin if the crime was a homicide. In addition, the secretary shall
2 also notify appropriate parties pursuant to RCW 71.05.390(18). If the
3 person is recaptured, the superintendent shall send notice to the
4 persons designated in this subsection as soon as possible but in no
5 event later than two working days after the department learns of such
6 recapture.

7 (3) If the victim, the victim's next of kin, or any witness is
8 under the age of sixteen, the notice required by this section shall be
9 sent to the parent or legal guardian of the child.

10 (4) The superintendent shall send the notices required by this
11 chapter to the last address provided to the department by the
12 requesting party. The requesting party shall furnish the department
13 with a current address.

14 (5) For purposes of this section the following terms have the
15 following meanings:

- 16 (a) "Violent offense" means a violent offense under RCW 9.94A.030;
- 17 (b) "Sex offense" means a sex offense under RCW 9.94A.030;
- 18 (c) "Next of kin" means a person's spouse, state registered
19 domestic partner, parents, siblings, and children;
- 20 (d) "Felony harassment offense" means a crime of harassment as
21 defined in RCW 9A.46.060 that is a felony.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 154.** A new section is added to chapter 71.09
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
25 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
26 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
27 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
28 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
29 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
30 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
31 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
32 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
33 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
34 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
35 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 155.** A new section is added to chapter 71.12
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 156.** A new section is added to chapter 71.32
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 157.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.20
30 RCW to read as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
32 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
33 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
34 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
35 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
36 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

1 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
2 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
3 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
4 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
5 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
6 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 158.** A new section is added to chapter 72.01
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
10 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
11 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
12 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
13 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
14 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
15 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
16 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
17 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
18 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
19 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
20 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 159.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
24 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
25 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
26 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
27 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
28 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
29 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
30 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
31 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
32 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
33 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
34 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

1 **Sec. 160.** RCW 72.09.015 and 2008 c 231 s 47 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

4 (1) "Adult basic education" means education or instruction designed
5 to achieve general competence of skills in reading, writing, and oral
6 communication, including English as a second language and preparation
7 and testing services for obtaining a high school diploma or a general
8 equivalency diploma.

9 (2) "Base level of correctional services" means the minimum level
10 of field services the department of corrections is required by statute
11 to provide for the supervision and monitoring of offenders.

12 (3) "Community custody" has the same meaning as that provided in
13 RCW 9.94A.030 and also includes community placement and community
14 supervision as defined in RCW 9.94B.020.

15 (4) "Contraband" means any object or communication the secretary
16 determines shall not be allowed to be: (a) Brought into; (b) possessed
17 while on the grounds of; or (c) sent from any institution under the
18 control of the secretary.

19 (5) "County" means a county or combination of counties.

20 (6) "Department" means the department of corrections.

21 (7) "Earned early release" means earned release as authorized by
22 RCW 9.94A.728.

23 (8) "Evidence-based" means a program or practice that has had
24 multiple-site random controlled trials across heterogeneous populations
25 demonstrating that the program or practice is effective in reducing
26 recidivism for the population.

27 (9) "Extended family visit" means an authorized visit between an
28 inmate and a member of his or her immediate family that occurs in a
29 private visiting unit located at the correctional facility where the
30 inmate is confined.

31 (10) "Good conduct" means compliance with department rules and
32 policies.

33 (11) "Good performance" means successful completion of a program
34 required by the department, including an education, work, or other
35 program.

36 (12) "Immediate family" means the inmate's children, stepchildren,
37 grandchildren, great grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents,
38 great grandparents, siblings, and a person legally married to or in a

1 state registered domestic partnership with an inmate. "Immediate
2 family" does not include an inmate adopted by another inmate or the
3 immediate family of the adopted or adopting inmate.

4 (13) "Indigent inmate," "indigent," and "indigency" mean an inmate
5 who has less than a ten-dollar balance of disposable income in his or
6 her institutional account on the day a request is made to utilize funds
7 and during the thirty days previous to the request.

8 (14) "Individual reentry plan" means the plan to prepare an
9 offender for release into the community. It should be developed
10 collaboratively between the department and the offender and based on an
11 assessment of the offender using a standardized and comprehensive tool
12 to identify the offender's risks and needs. The individual reentry
13 plan describes actions that should occur to prepare individual
14 offenders for release from prison or jail, specifies the supervision
15 and services they will experience in the community, and describes an
16 offender's eventual discharge to aftercare upon successful completion
17 of supervision. An individual reentry plan is updated throughout the
18 period of an offender's incarceration and supervision to be relevant to
19 the offender's current needs and risks.

20 (15) "Inmate" means a person committed to the custody of the
21 department, including but not limited to persons residing in a
22 correctional institution or facility and persons released from such
23 facility on furlough, work release, or community custody, and persons
24 received from another state, state agency, county, or federal
25 jurisdiction.

26 (16) "Privilege" means any goods or services, education or work
27 programs, or earned early release days, the receipt of which are
28 directly linked to an inmate's (a) good conduct; and (b) good
29 performance. Privileges do not include any goods or services the
30 department is required to provide under the state or federal
31 Constitution or under state or federal law.

32 (17) "Promising practice" means a practice that presents, based on
33 preliminary information, potential for becoming a research-based or
34 consensus-based practice.

35 (18) "Research-based" means a program or practice that has some
36 research demonstrating effectiveness, but that does not yet meet the
37 standard of evidence-based practices.

1 (19) "Secretary" means the secretary of corrections or his or her
2 designee.

3 (20) "Significant expansion" includes any expansion into a new
4 product line or service to the class I business that results from an
5 increase in benefits provided by the department, including a decrease
6 in labor costs, rent, or utility rates (for water, sewer, electricity,
7 and disposal), an increase in work program space, tax advantages, or
8 other overhead costs.

9 (21) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of a correctional
10 facility under the jurisdiction of the Washington state department of
11 corrections, or his or her designee.

12 (22) "Unfair competition" means any net competitive advantage that
13 a business may acquire as a result of a correctional industries
14 contract, including labor costs, rent, tax advantages, utility rates
15 (water, sewer, electricity, and disposal), and other overhead costs.
16 To determine net competitive advantage, the correctional industries
17 board shall review and quantify any expenses unique to operating a for-
18 profit business inside a prison.

19 (23) "Vocational training" or "vocational education" means
20 "vocational education" as defined in RCW 72.62.020.

21 (24) "Washington business" means an in-state manufacturer or
22 service provider subject to chapter 82.04 RCW existing on June 10,
23 2004.

24 (25) "Work programs" means all classes of correctional industries
25 jobs authorized under RCW 72.09.100.

26 **Sec. 161.** RCW 72.09.712 and 2008 c 231 s 27 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1) At the earliest possible date, and in no event later than
29 thirty days before release except in the event of escape or emergency
30 furloughs as defined in RCW 72.66.010, the department of corrections
31 shall send written notice of parole, release, community custody, work
32 release placement, furlough, or escape about a specific inmate
33 convicted of a violent offense, a sex offense as defined by RCW
34 9.94A.030, or a felony harassment offense as defined by RCW 9A.46.060
35 or 9A.46.110, to the following:

36 (a) The chief of police of the city, if any, in which the inmate

1 will reside or in which placement will be made in a work release
2 program; and

3 (b) The sheriff of the county in which the inmate will reside or in
4 which placement will be made in a work release program.

5 The sheriff of the county where the offender was convicted shall be
6 notified if the department does not know where the offender will
7 reside. The department shall notify the state patrol of the release of
8 all sex offenders, and that information shall be placed in the
9 Washington crime information center for dissemination to all law
10 enforcement.

11 (2) The same notice as required by subsection (1) of this section
12 shall be sent to the following if such notice has been requested in
13 writing about a specific inmate convicted of a violent offense, a sex
14 offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030, or a felony harassment offense as
15 defined by RCW 9A.46.060 or 9A.46.110:

16 (a) The victim of the crime for which the inmate was convicted or
17 the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide;

18 (b) Any witnesses who testified against the inmate in any court
19 proceedings involving the violent offense;

20 (c) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney;
21 and

22 (d) Any person who requests such notice about a specific inmate
23 convicted of a sex offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030 from the
24 department of corrections at least sixty days prior to the expected
25 release date of the offender.

26 Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting
27 the notice, information regarding any other person specified in writing
28 by the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the notice are
29 confidential and shall not be available to the inmate. Whenever the
30 department of corrections mails notice pursuant to this subsection and
31 the notice is returned as undeliverable, the department shall attempt
32 alternative methods of notification, including a telephone call to the
33 person's last known telephone number.

34 (3) The existence of the notice requirements contained in
35 subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not require an extension
36 of the release date in the event that the release plan changes after
37 notification.

1 (4) If an inmate convicted of a violent offense, a sex offense as
2 defined by RCW 9.94A.030, or a felony harassment offense as defined by
3 RCW 9A.46.060 or 9A.46.110, escapes from a correctional facility, the
4 department of corrections shall immediately notify, by the most
5 reasonable and expedient means available, the chief of police of the
6 city and the sheriff of the county in which the inmate resided
7 immediately before the inmate's arrest and conviction. If previously
8 requested, the department shall also notify the witnesses and the
9 victim of the crime for which the inmate was convicted or the victim's
10 next of kin if the crime was a homicide. If the inmate is recaptured,
11 the department shall send notice to the persons designated in this
12 subsection as soon as possible but in no event later than two working
13 days after the department learns of such recapture.

14 (5) If the victim, the victim's next of kin, or any witness is
15 under the age of sixteen, the notice required by this section shall be
16 sent to the parents or legal guardian of the child.

17 (6) The department of corrections shall send the notices required
18 by this chapter to the last address provided to the department by the
19 requesting party. The requesting party shall furnish the department
20 with a current address.

21 (7) The department of corrections shall keep, for a minimum of two
22 years following the release of an inmate, the following:

23 (a) A document signed by an individual as proof that that person is
24 registered in the victim or witness notification program; and

25 (b) A receipt showing that an individual registered in the victim
26 or witness notification program was mailed a notice, at the
27 individual's last known address, upon the release or movement of an
28 inmate.

29 (8) For purposes of this section the following terms have the
30 following meanings:

31 (a) "Violent offense" means a violent offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

32 (b) "Next of kin" means a person's spouse, state registered
33 domestic partner, parents, siblings and children.

34 (9) Nothing in this section shall impose any liability upon a chief
35 of police of a city or sheriff of a county for failing to request in
36 writing a notice as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 162.** A new section is added to chapter 72.23
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
4 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
5 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
6 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
7 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
8 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
9 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
10 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
11 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
12 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
13 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
14 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 163.** A new section is added to chapter 72.36
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
18 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
19 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
20 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
21 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
22 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
23 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
24 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
25 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
26 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
27 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
28 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

29 **Sec. 164.** RCW 72.36.115 and 2007 c 43 s 2 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 (1) The department shall establish and maintain in this state an
32 eastern Washington state veterans' cemetery.

33 (2) All honorably discharged veterans, as defined by RCW 41.04.007,
34 and their spouses or state registered domestic partners are eligible
35 for interment in the eastern Washington state veterans' cemetery.

1 (3) The department shall collect all federal veterans' burial
2 benefits and other available state or county resources.

3 (4) The department shall adopt rules defining the services
4 available, eligibility, fees, and the general operations associated
5 with the eastern Washington state veterans' cemetery.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 165.** A new section is added to chapter 72.64
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
9 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
10 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
11 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
12 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
13 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
14 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
15 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
16 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
17 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
18 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
19 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 166.** A new section is added to chapter 73.16
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
23 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
24 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
25 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
26 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
27 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
28 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
29 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
30 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
31 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
32 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
33 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 167.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04
35 RCW to read as follows:

1 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
2 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
3 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
4 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
5 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
6 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
7 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
8 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
9 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
10 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
11 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
12 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 168.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
16 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
17 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
18 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
19 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
20 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
21 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
22 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
23 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
24 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
25 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
26 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 169.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
30 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
31 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
32 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
33 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
34 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
35 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
36 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict

1 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
2 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
3 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
4 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 170.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09A
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
8 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
9 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
10 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
11 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
12 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
13 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
14 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
15 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
16 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
17 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
18 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 171.** A new section is added to chapter 74.13
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
22 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
23 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
24 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
25 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
26 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
27 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
28 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
29 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
30 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
31 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
32 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 172.** A new section is added to chapter 74.15
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,

1 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
2 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
3 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
4 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
5 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
6 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
7 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
8 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
9 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
10 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
11 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 173.** A new section is added to chapter 74.20
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
15 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
16 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
17 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
18 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
19 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
20 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
21 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
22 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
23 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
24 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
25 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 174.** A new section is added to chapter 74.20A
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
29 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
30 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
31 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
32 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
33 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
34 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
35 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
36 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 175.** A new section is added to chapter 74.34
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
7 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
8 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
9 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
10 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
11 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
12 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
13 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
14 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
15 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
16 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
17 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 176.** A new section is added to chapter 74.41
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
21 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
22 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
23 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
24 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
25 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
26 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
27 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
28 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
29 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
30 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
31 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 177.** A new section is added to chapter 77.08
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
35 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall

1 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
2 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
3 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
4 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
5 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
6 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
7 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
8 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
9 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
10 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

11 **Sec. 178.** RCW 77.36.010 and 1996 c 54 s 2 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 Unless otherwise specified, the following definitions apply
14 throughout this chapter:

15 (1) "Crop" means a commercially raised horticultural and/or
16 agricultural product and includes growing or harvested product but does
17 not include livestock. For the purposes of this chapter all parts of
18 horticultural trees shall be considered a crop and shall be eligible
19 for claims.

20 (2) "Emergency" means an unforeseen circumstance beyond the control
21 of the landowner or tenant that presents a real and immediate threat to
22 crops, domestic animals, or fowl.

23 (3) "Immediate family member" means spouse, state registered
24 domestic partner, brother, sister, grandparent, parent, child, or
25 grandchild.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 179.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.05
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
29 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
30 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
31 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
32 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
33 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
34 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
35 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
36 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 180.** A new section is added to chapter 80.28
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
7 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
8 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
9 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
10 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
11 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
12 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
13 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
14 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
15 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
16 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
17 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 181.** A new section is added to chapter 81.28
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
21 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
22 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
23 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
24 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
25 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
26 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
27 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
28 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
29 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
30 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
31 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 182.** A new section is added to chapter 81.80
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
35 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall

1 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
2 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
3 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
4 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
5 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
6 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
7 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
8 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
9 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
10 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 183.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
14 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
15 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
16 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
17 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
18 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
19 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
20 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
21 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
22 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
23 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
24 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 184.** A new section is added to chapter 83.100
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
28 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
29 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
30 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
31 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
32 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
33 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
34 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
35 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-

1 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
2 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
3 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

4 **Sec. 185.** RCW 83.100.046 and 2005 c 514 s 1201 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) For the purposes of determining the Washington taxable estate,
7 a deduction is allowed from the federal taxable estate for:

8 (a) The value of qualified real property reduced by any amounts
9 allowable as a deduction in respect of the qualified real property and
10 tangible personal property under section 2053(a)(4) of the internal
11 revenue code, if the decedent was at the time of his or her death a
12 citizen or resident of the United States.

13 (b) The value of any tangible personal property used by the
14 decedent or a member of the decedent's family for a qualified use on
15 the date of the decedent's death, reduced by any amounts allowable as
16 a deduction in respect of the tangible personal property under section
17 2053(a)(4) of the internal revenue code, if all of the requirements of
18 subsection (10)(f)(i)(A) of this section are met and the decedent was
19 at the time of his or her death a citizen or resident of the United
20 States.

21 (c) The value of real property that is not deductible under (a) of
22 this subsection solely by reason of subsection (10)(f)(i)(B) of this
23 section, reduced by any amounts allowable as a deduction in respect of
24 the qualified real property and tangible personal property under
25 section 2053(a)(4) of the internal revenue code, if the requirements of
26 subsection (10)(f)(i)(C) of this section are met with respect to the
27 property and the decedent was at the time of his or her death a citizen
28 or resident of the United States.

29 (2) Property shall be considered to have been acquired from or to
30 have passed from the decedent if:

31 (a) The property is so considered under section 1014(b) of the
32 Internal Revenue Code;

33 (b) The property is acquired by any person from the estate; or

34 (c) The property is acquired by any person from a trust, to the
35 extent the property is includible in the gross estate of the decedent.

36 (3) If the decedent and the decedent's surviving spouse at any time
37 held qualified real property as community property, the interest of the

1 surviving spouse in the property shall be taken into account under this
2 section to the extent necessary to provide a result under this section
3 with respect to the property which is consistent with the result which
4 would have obtained under this section if the property had not been
5 community property.

6 (4) In the case of any qualified woodland, the value of trees
7 growing on the woodland may be deducted if otherwise qualified under
8 this section.

9 (5) If property is qualified real property with respect to a
10 decedent, hereinafter in this subsection referred to as the "first
11 decedent," and the property was acquired from or passed from the first
12 decedent to the surviving spouse of the first decedent, active
13 management of the farm by the surviving spouse shall be treated as
14 material participation by the surviving spouse in the operation of the
15 farm.

16 (6) Property owned indirectly by the decedent may qualify for a
17 deduction under this section if owned through an interest in a
18 corporation, partnership, or trust as the terms corporation,
19 partnership, or trust are used in section 2032A(g) of the Internal
20 Revenue Code. In order to qualify for a deduction under this
21 subsection, the interest, in addition to meeting the other tests for
22 qualification under this section, must qualify under section 6166(b)(1)
23 of the Internal Revenue Code as an interest in a closely held business
24 on the date of the decedent's death and for sufficient other time,
25 combined with periods of direct ownership, to equal at least five years
26 of the eight-year period preceding the death.

27 (7)(a) If, on the date of the decedent's death, the requirements of
28 subsection (10)(f)(i)(C)(II) of this section with respect to the
29 decedent for any property are not met, and the decedent (i) was
30 receiving old age benefits under Title II of the social security act
31 for a continuous period ending on such date, or (ii) was disabled for
32 a continuous period ending on this date, then subsection
33 (10)(f)(i)(C)(II) of this section shall be applied with respect to the
34 property by substituting "the date on which the longer of such
35 continuous periods began" for "the date of the decedent's death" in
36 subsection (10)(f)(i)(C) of this section.

37 (b) For the purposes of (a) of this subsection, an individual shall

1 be disabled if the individual has a mental or physical impairment which
2 renders that individual unable to materially participate in the
3 operation of the farm.

4 (8) Property may be deducted under this section whether or not
5 special valuation is elected under section 2032A of the Internal
6 Revenue Code on the federal return. For the purposes of determining
7 the deduction under this section, the value of property is its value as
8 used to determine the value of the gross estate.

9 (9)(a) In the case of any qualified replacement property, any
10 period during which there was ownership, qualified use, or material
11 participation with respect to the replaced property by the decedent or
12 any member of the decedent's family shall be treated as a period during
13 which there was ownership, use, or material participation, as the case
14 may be, with respect to the qualified replacement property.

15 (b) Subsection (9)(a) of this section shall not apply to the extent
16 that the fair market value of the qualified replacement property, as of
17 the date of its acquisition, exceeds the fair market value of the
18 replaced property, as of the date of its disposition.

19 (c) For the purposes of this subsection (9), the following
20 definitions apply:

21 (i) "Qualified replacement property" means any real property:

22 (A) Which is acquired in an exchange which qualifies under section
23 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code; or

24 (B) The acquisition of which results in the nonrecognition of gain
25 under section 1033 of the Internal Revenue Code.

26 The term "qualified replacement property" only includes property
27 which is used for the same qualified use as the replaced property was
28 being used before the exchange.

29 (ii) "Replaced property" means the property was:

30 (A) Transferred in the exchange which qualifies under section 1031
31 of the Internal Revenue Code; or

32 (B) Compulsorily or involuntarily converted within the meaning of
33 section 1033 of the Internal Revenue Code.

34 (10) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions
35 apply:

36 (a) "Active management" means the making of the management
37 decisions of a farm, other than the daily operating decisions.

1 (b) "Farm" includes stock, dairy, poultry, fruit, furbearing
2 animal, and truck farms; plantations; ranches; nurseries; ranges;
3 greenhouses or other similar structures used primarily for the raising
4 of agricultural or horticultural commodities; and orchards and
5 woodlands.

6 (c) "Farming purposes" means:

7 (i) Cultivating the soil or raising or harvesting any agricultural
8 or horticultural commodity, including the raising, shearing, feeding,
9 caring for, training, and management of animals on a farm;

10 (ii) Handling, drying, packing, grading, or storing on a farm any
11 agricultural or horticultural commodity in its unmanufactured state,
12 but only if the owner, tenant, or operator of the farm regularly
13 produces more than one-half of the commodity so treated; and

14 (iii)(A) The planting, cultivating, caring for, or cutting of
15 trees; or

16 (B) The preparation, other than milling, of trees for market.

17 (d) "Member of the family" means, with respect to any individual,
18 only:

19 (i) An ancestor of the individual;

20 (ii) The spouse or state registered domestic partner of the
21 individual;

22 (iii) A lineal descendant of the individual, of the individual's
23 spouse or state registered domestic partner, or of a parent of the
24 individual; or

25 (iv) The spouse or state registered domestic partner of any lineal
26 descendant described in (d)(iii) of this subsection.

27 For the purposes of this subsection (10)(d), a legally adopted
28 child of an individual shall be treated as the child of such individual
29 by blood.

30 (e) "Qualified heir" means, with respect to any property, a member
31 of the decedent's family who acquired property, or to whom property
32 passed, from the decedent.

33 (f)(i) "Qualified real property" means real property which was
34 acquired from or passed from the decedent to a qualified heir of the
35 decedent and which, on the date of the decedent's death, was being used
36 for a qualified use by the decedent or a member of the decedent's
37 family, but only if:

1 (A) Fifty percent or more of the adjusted value of the gross estate
2 consists of the adjusted value of real or personal property which:

3 (I) On the date of the decedent's death, was being used for a
4 qualified use by the decedent or a member of the decedent's family; and

5 (II) Was acquired from or passed from the decedent to a qualified
6 heir of the decedent;

7 (B) Twenty-five percent or more of the adjusted value of the gross
8 estate consists of the adjusted value of real property which meets the
9 requirements of (f)(i)(A)(II) and (f)(i)(C) of this subsection; and

10 (C) During the eight-year period ending on the date of the
11 decedent's death there have been periods aggregating five years or more
12 during which:

13 (I) The real property was owned by the decedent or a member of the
14 decedent's family and used for a qualified use by the decedent or a
15 member of the decedent's family; and

16 (II) There was material participation by the decedent or a member
17 of the decedent's family in the operation of the farm. For the
18 purposes of this subsection (f)(i)(C)(II), material participation shall
19 be determined in a manner similar to the manner used for purposes of
20 section 1402(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

21 (ii) For the purposes of this subsection, the term "adjusted value"
22 means:

23 (A) In the case of the gross estate, the value of the gross estate,
24 determined without regard to any special valuation under section 2032A
25 of the Internal Revenue Code, reduced by any amounts allowable as a
26 deduction under section 2053(a)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

27 (B) In the case of any real or personal property, the value of the
28 property for purposes of chapter 11 of the Internal Revenue Code,
29 determined without regard to any special valuation under section 2032A
30 of the Internal Revenue Code, reduced by any amounts allowable as a
31 deduction in respect of such property under section 2053(a)(4) of the
32 Internal Revenue Code.

33 (g) "Qualified use" means the property is used as a farm for
34 farming purposes. In the case of real property which meets the
35 requirements of (f)(i)(C) of this subsection, residential buildings and
36 related improvements on the real property occupied on a regular basis
37 by the owner or lessee of the real property or by persons employed by
38 the owner or lessee for the purpose of operating or maintaining the

1 real property, and roads, buildings, and other structures and
2 improvements functionally related to the qualified use shall be treated
3 as real property devoted to the qualified use. For tangible personal
4 property eligible for a deduction under subsection (1)(b) of this
5 section, "qualified use" means the property is used primarily for
6 farming purposes on a farm.

7 (h) "Qualified woodland" means any real property which:

8 (i) Is used in timber operations; and

9 (ii) Is an identifiable area of land such as an acre or other area
10 for which records are normally maintained in conducting timber
11 operations.

12 (i) "Timber operations" means:

13 (i) The planting, cultivating, caring for, or cutting of trees; or

14 (ii) The preparation, other than milling, of trees for market.

15 **Sec. 186.** RCW 83.100.047 and 2005 c 516 s 13 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1)(a) If the federal taxable estate on the federal return is
18 determined by making an election under section 2056 or 2056A of the
19 Internal Revenue Code, or if no federal return is required to be filed,
20 the department may provide by rule for a separate election on the
21 Washington return, consistent with section 2056 or 2056A of the
22 Internal Revenue Code and (b) of this subsection, for the purpose of
23 determining the amount of tax due under this chapter. The election
24 shall be binding on the estate and the beneficiaries, consistent with
25 the Internal Revenue Code and (b) of this subsection. All other
26 elections or valuations on the Washington return shall be made in a
27 manner consistent with the federal return, if a federal return is
28 required, and such rules as the department may provide.

29 (b) The department shall provide by rule that a state registered
30 domestic partner is deemed to be a surviving spouse and entitled to a
31 deduction from the Washington taxable estate for any interest passing
32 from the decedent to his or her domestic partner, consistent with
33 section 2056 or 2056A of the Internal Revenue Code but regardless of
34 whether such interest would be deductible from the federal gross estate
35 under section 2056 or 2056A of the Internal Revenue Code.

36 (2) Amounts deducted for federal income tax purposes under section

1 642(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986((7)) shall not be allowed
2 as deductions in computing the amount of tax due under this chapter.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 187.** A new section is added to chapter 83.110A
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 188.** A new section is added to chapter 84.04
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 **Sec. 189.** RCW 84.04.050 and 1961 c 15 s 84.04.050 are each amended
32 to read as follows:

33 "Householder" shall be taken to mean and include every person,
34 married, in a state registered domestic partnership, or single, who

1 resides within the state of Washington being the owner or holder of an
2 estate or having a house or place of abode, either as owner or lessee.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 190.** A new section is added to chapter 85.38
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
6 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
7 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
8 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
9 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
10 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
11 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
12 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
13 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
14 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
15 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
16 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 191.** A new section is added to chapter 91.08
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage,
20 marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall
21 be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic
22 partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships
23 as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references
24 to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered
25 domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or
26 invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict
27 with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-
28 specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or
29 other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to
30 individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 192.** The following acts or parts of acts are
32 each repealed:

33 (1) RCW 26.60.050 (Termination--Records--Fees) and 2008 c 6 s 1002
34 & 2007 c 156 s 6; and

35 (2) RCW 26.60.055 (Termination) and 2008 c 6 s 1001.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 193.** (1) Sections 3 through 6, 67, 73, 81, 83
2 through 99, 103, 167, 169, and 184 through 186 of this act take effect
3 January 1, 2012.

4 (2) Sections 160 and 161 of this act take effect August 1, 2009.

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