<u>2SSB 5297</u> - S AMD TO S AMD (S-2087.1/11) **149**By Senator Benton

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On page 4, line 24 of the amendment, after "vote.")) insert "To 1 2 deter the inevitable harassment these requirements will facilitate, any person who interferes with any person gathering signatures or 3 interferes with any person trying to sign a petition or retaliates 4 against or stalks any person who signed a petition or retaliates 5 against or stalks any person who gathered signatures for a petition 6 shall be subject to the antiharassment procedures in chapter 10.14 RCW 7 and civil penalties, and shall be quilty of disorderly conduct under 8 RCW 9A.84.030. For purposes of this section, "interfering with" 9 includes, but is not limited to, pushing, shoving, touching, spitting, 10 11 throwing objects, yelling, screaming, or being verbally abusive, or other tumultuous conduct, blocking, or intimidating, or maintaining an 12 13 intimidating presence near any person gathering signatures and any 14 person trying to sign a petition."

On page 6, line 11 of the amendment, after "vote.")) insert "To 15 deter the inevitable harassment these requirements will facilitate, any 16 person who interferes with any person gathering signatures or 17 interferes with any person trying to sign a petition or retaliates 18 against or stalks any person who signed a petition or retaliates 19 against or stalks any person who gathered signatures for a petition 20 shall be subject to the antiharassment procedures in chapter 10.14 RCW 21 and civil penalties, and shall be quilty of disorderly conduct under 22 RCW 9A.84.030. For purposes of this section, "interfering with" 23 24 includes, but is not limited to, pushing, shoving, touching, spitting, 25 throwing objects, yelling, screaming, or being verbally abusive, or other tumultuous conduct, blocking, or intimidating, or maintaining an 26 intimidating presence near any person gathering signatures and any 27 28 person trying to sign a petition."

On page 7, line 35 of the amendment, after "vote.)) insert "To

deter the inevitable harassment these requirements will facilitate, any 1 person who interferes with any person gathering signatures or 2 interferes with any person trying to sign a petition or retaliates 3 against or stalks any person who signed a petition or retaliates 4 against or stalks any person who gathered signatures for a petition 5 6 shall be subject to the antiharassment procedures in chapter 10.14 RCW and civil penalties, and shall be quilty of disorderly conduct under 7 RCW 9A.84.030. For purposes of this section, "interfering with" 8 includes, but is not limited to, pushing, shoving, touching, spitting, 9 throwing objects, yelling, screaming, or being verbally abusive, or 10 other tumultuous conduct, blocking, or intimidating, or maintaining an 11 12 intimidating presence near any person gathering signatures and any 13 person trying to sign a petition."

<u>EFFECT:</u> To clarify that signature gatherers and persons who sign petitions shall not be subject to harassment.

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