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By Representatives Stanford, Doglio, Macri, Hansen, Orwall, Appleton, Jinkins, Ormsby, Valdez, and Davis

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting defenses based on victim identity;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 9A.08 RCW; and adding a new section  
3 to chapter 9A.16 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.08  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 A defendant does not suffer from diminished capacity based on the  
8 discovery of, knowledge about, or potential disclosure of the  
9 victim's actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender  
10 expression, or sexual orientation, including under circumstances in  
11 which the victim made an unwanted nonforcible romantic or sexual  
12 advance towards the defendant, or if the defendant and victim dated  
13 or had a romantic or sexual relationship.

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

16 A person is not justified in using force against another based on  
17 the discovery of, knowledge about, or potential disclosure of the  
18 victim's actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender  
19 expression, or sexual orientation, including under circumstances in  
20 which the victim made an unwanted nonforcible romantic or sexual

1 advance towards the defendant, or if the defendant and victim dated  
2 or had a romantic or sexual relationship.

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