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By Representative Hunt; by request of Governor Gregoire

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state office of civil rights; amending RCW 42.17.2401, 42.17A.705, 43.03.028, 43.17.010, 43.17.020, 2 39.19.020, 39.19.030, 39.19.060, 39.19.070, 39.19.075, 39.19.080, 3 39.19.120, 39.19.150, 39.19.170, 39.19.200, 39.19.240, 39.19.250, 4 39.10.220, 39.10.385, 39.10.450, 39.102.100, 43.63A.690, 49.60.010, 5 б 49.60.040, 49.60.100, 49.60.120, 49.60.150, 49.60.160, 49.60.170, 7 49.60.180, 49.60.226, 49.60.230, 49.60.240, 49.60.250, 49.60.260, 8 49.60.270, 49.60.310, 49.60.320, 49.60.340, 49.60.350, 49.60.360, 9 49.60.370, 2.56.031, 13.06.050, 28B.10.912, 28B.10.916, 28B.110.030, 28B.110.050, 34.12.037, 43.01.135, 43.43.340, 49.44.090, 49.74.010, 10 11 49.74.020, 49.74.030, 49.74.040, 43.60A.190, 43.60A.195, and 43.60A.200; reenacting and amending RCW 47.28.030, 43.86A.060, and 12 41.06.150; adding new sections to chapter 39.19 RCW; adding a new 13 section to chapter 41.06 RCW; creating new sections; recodifying RCW 14 15 43.60A.190, 43.60A.195, and 43.60A.200; repealing RCW 39.19.010, 39.19.041, 39.19.140, 39.19.910, 39.19.920, 39.19.921, 41.06.082, 16 49.60.050, 49.60.051, 49.60.060, 49.60.070, 49.60.080, 49.60.090, 17 18 49.60.130, 49.60.390, 43.113.005, 43.113.010, 43.113.020, 43.113.030, 19 43.115.010, 43.115.020, 43.115.030, 43.115.040, 43.115.045, 43.115.060, 20 43.115.900, 43.117.010, 43.117.020, 43.117.030, 43.117.040, 43.117.050, 43.117.060, 43.117.070, 43.117.080, 43.117.090, 43.117.100, and 21

- 1 43.117.900; prescribing penalties; providing effective dates; providing
- 2 expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
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PART I

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS CREATED

6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 101. The legislature declares that it is the 7 public policy of this state to ensure political, social, and economic 8 opportunity for all of its citizens. It is the intent of this act to 9 provide equal access for all to the privileges and opportunities 10 protected by the state. It is also the intent of this act to provide 11 fair, impartial, and independent processes to protect against 12 discrimination.

13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 102. A new section is added to chapter 39.19
14 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The office of civil rights is created as an executive branch agency. The agency is vested with all powers and duties transferred to it under this act and such other powers and duties as may be authorized by law.

19 (2) Any powers, duties, and functions assigned to the human rights 20 commission, office of minority and women's business enterprises, the 21 commission on African-American affairs, commission on Asian Pacific 22 American affairs, and commission on Hispanic affairs shall be 23 transferred to the office of civil rights as set forth in this act.

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(3) The primary duties of the office are:

(a) To exercise the police powers of the state in accordance withchapter 49.60 RCW;

(b) To provide the maximum practicable opportunity for increased participation of minority, women, and veteran-owned and controlled businesses in participating in public works and the process by which goods and services are procured by state agencies and educational institutions from the private sector;

32 (c) To advise the governor, legislature, and other state agencies33 on public policy that affects Washington citizens that, for economic,

social, cultural, and historical reasons, a disproportionate number
 find themselves disadvantaged or isolated from the benefits of equal
 opportunity.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 103. A new section is added to chapter 39.19
RCW to read as follows:

б (1) The executive head and appointing authority of the office is 7 the director. The director shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate. The director shall serve at the 8 pleasure of the governor. The director shall be paid a salary fixed by 9 10 the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040. If a vacancy occurs in the position of director while the senate is not in session, the 11 12 governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the senate at which time he or she shall present to that body his or 13 14 her nomination for the position.

(2) The director may appoint a deputy director and such assistant 15 16 directors and special assistants as may be needed to administer the department, who shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 41.06 17 18 In addition, the director may employ staff members, who shall be RCW. exempt from chapter 41.06 RCW, necessary to administer this chapter, 19 20 chapter 49.60 RCW, and such other duties as may be authorized by law. 21 The director may delegate any power or duty vested in him or her by 22 this chapter or other law, including authority to make final decisions 23 and enter final orders in hearings conducted under chapter 34.05 RCW.

(3) The director may create such administrative structures as the
director considers appropriate, except as otherwise specified by law.
The director may employ such personnel as necessary for the general
administration of the office. This employment shall be in accordance
with the state civil service law, chapter 41.80 RCW, except as
otherwise provided.

30 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 104. A new section is added to chapter 39.19
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 The director shall:

33 (1) Supervise and administer the activities of the office of civil 34 rights;

35 (2) Exercise all the powers and perform all the duties prescribed

1 by law with respect to the administration of chapter 49.60 RCW
2 including:

3 (a) To appoint such investigators, examiners, and other employees
4 as deemed necessary to carry out the duties of chapter 49.60 RCW;

5 (b) To adopt, amend, and rescind suitable rules to carry out the 6 provisions of chapter 49.60 RCW, and the policies and practices of the 7 office in connection therewith; and

8 (c) To receive, impartially investigate or contract for an 9 impartial investigation if a conflict of interest arises from the 10 complaint, and pass upon complaints alleging unfair practices as 11 defined in chapter 49.60 RCW;

12 (3) In addition to other powers and duties granted to the director,13 have the following powers and duties:

14 (a) Enter into contracts on behalf of the state to carry out the15 purposes of this chapter;

16 (b) Accept and expend gifts and grants that are related to the 17 purposes of this act, whether such grants be of federal or other funds;

(c) Apply for grants from public and private entities, and receive and administer any grant funding received for the purpose and intent of this act;

(d) Adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW and perform all other functions necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this act;

(e) Delegate powers, duties, and functions as the director deems necessary for efficient administration, but the director shall be responsible for the official acts of the officers and employees of the office; and

28 (f) Perform other duties as are necessary and consistent with law.

29 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 105. A new section is added to chapter 41.06
30 RCW to read as follows:

In addition to the exemptions under RCW 41.06.070, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply in the office of civil rights to the director, the director's confidential secretary, and any other exempt staff members provided for in section 103 of this act.

35 **Sec. 106.** RCW 42.17.2401 and 2009 c 565 s 24 are each amended to 36 read as follows:

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1 For the purposes of RCW 42.17.240, the term "executive state 2 officer" includes:

3 (1) The chief administrative law judge, the director of 4 agriculture, the administrator of the Washington basic health plan, the director of the department of services for the blind, the director of 5 6 the office of civil rights, the director of the state system of community and technical colleges, the director of commerce, the 7 secretary of corrections, the director of early learning, the director 8 9 of ecology, the commissioner of employment security, the chair of the energy facility site evaluation council, the secretary of the state 10 11 finance committee, the director of financial management, the director 12 of fish and wildlife, the executive secretary of the forest practices 13 appeals board, the director of the gambling commission, the director of general administration, the secretary of health, the administrator of 14 15 the Washington state health care authority, the executive secretary of the health care facilities authority, the executive secretary of the 16 higher education facilities authority, the executive secretary of the 17 horse racing commission, ((the executive secretary of the human rights 18 19 commission,)) the executive secretary of the indeterminate sentence 20 review board, the director of the department of information services, 21 the executive director of the state investment board, the director of labor and industries, the director of licensing, the director of the 22 lottery commission, ((the director of the office of minority and 23 24 women's business enterprises,)) the director of parks and recreation, the director of personnel, the executive director of the public 25 26 disclosure commission, the executive director of the Puget Sound 27 partnership, the director of the recreation and conservation office, the director of retirement systems, the director of revenue, the 28 secretary of social and health services, the chief of the Washington 29 30 state patrol, the executive secretary of the board of tax appeals, the secretary of transportation, the secretary of the utilities and 31 transportation commission, the director of veterans affairs, the 32 president of each of the regional and state universities and the 33 president of The Evergreen State College, and each district and each 34 35 campus president of each state community college;

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- (2) Each professional staff member of the office of the governor;
- 37 (3) Each professional staff member of the legislature; and

(4) Central Washington University board of trustees, the boards of 1 2 trustees of each community college and each technical college, each 3 member of the state board for community and technical colleges, state 4 convention and trade center board of directors, committee for deferred 5 compensation, Eastern Washington University board of trustees, б Washington economic development finance authority, The Evergreen State 7 College board of trustees, executive ethics board, forest practices 8 appeals board, forest practices board, gambling commission, life 9 sciences discovery fund authority board of trustees, Washington health 10 care facilities authority, each member of the Washington health 11 services commission, higher education coordinating board, higher 12 education facilities authority, horse racing commission, state housing 13 finance commission, ((human rights commission,)) indeterminate sentence 14 review board, board of industrial insurance appeals, information services board, recreation and conservation funding board, state 15 investment board, commission on judicial conduct, legislative ethics 16 17 board, liquor control board, lottery commission, marine oversight board, Pacific Northwest electric power and conservation planning 18 19 and recreation commission, board of pilotage council, parks commissioners, pollution control hearings board, public disclosure 20 21 commission, public pension commission, shorelines hearings board, 22 public employees' benefits board, salmon recovery funding board, board 23 of tax appeals, transportation commission, University of Washington 24 board of regents, utilities and transportation commission, Washington 25 state maritime commission, Washington personnel resources board, 26 Washington public power supply system executive board, Washington State 27 University board of regents, Western Washington University board of 28 trustees, and fish and wildlife commission.

29 Sec. 107. RCW 42.17A.705 and 2010 c 204 s 902 are each amended to 30 read as follows:

31 For the purposes of RCW 42.17A.700, "executive state officer" 32 includes:

chief administrative 33 (1) The law judge, the director of 34 agriculture, the director of the department of services for the blind, 35 the director of the office of civil rights, the director of the state 36 system of community and technical colleges, the director of commerce, 37 the secretary of corrections, the director of early learning, the

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director of ecology, the commissioner of employment security, the chair 1 2 of the energy facility site evaluation council, the secretary of the state finance committee, the director of financial management, the 3 4 director of fish and wildlife, the executive secretary of the forest practices appeals board, the director of the gambling commission, the 5 director of general administration, the secretary of health, the б administrator of the Washington state health care authority, the 7 executive secretary of the health care facilities authority, the 8 9 executive secretary of the higher education facilities authority, the 10 executive secretary of the horse racing commission, ((the executive 11 secretary of the human rights commission,)) the executive secretary of 12 the indeterminate sentence review board, the director of the department 13 of information services, the executive director of the state investment board, the director of labor and industries, the director of licensing, 14 15 the director of the lottery commission, ((the director of the office of minority and women's business enterprises,)) the director of parks and 16 17 recreation, the director of personnel, the executive director of the public disclosure commission, the executive director of the Puget Sound 18 19 partnership, the director of the recreation and conservation office, the director of retirement systems, the director of revenue, the 20 21 secretary of social and health services, the chief of the Washington 22 state patrol, the executive secretary of the board of tax appeals, the 23 secretary of transportation, the secretary of the utilities and 24 transportation commission, the director of veterans affairs, the president of each of the regional and state universities and the 25 26 president of The Evergreen State College, and each district and each 27 campus president of each state community college;

28 29 (2) Each professional staff member of the office of the governor;

(3) Each professional staff member of the legislature; and

30 (4) Central Washington University board of trustees, the boards of trustees of each community college and each technical college, each 31 member of the state board for community and technical colleges, state 32 convention and trade center board of directors, Eastern Washington 33 University board of trustees, Washington economic development finance 34 35 authority, Washington energy northwest executive board, The Evergreen 36 State College board of trustees, executive ethics board, fish and 37 wildlife commission, forest practices appeals board, forest practices 38 board, gambling commission, Washington health care facilities

authority, higher education coordinating board, higher education 1 facilities authority, horse racing commission, state housing finance 2 commission, ((human rights commission,)) indeterminate sentence review 3 4 board, board of industrial insurance appeals, information services board, state investment board, commission on judicial conduct, 5 6 legislative ethics board, life sciences discovery fund authority board 7 of trustees, liquor control board, lottery commission, Pacific 8 Northwest electric power and conservation planning council, parks and 9 recreation commission, Washington personnel resources board, board of pilotage commissioners, pollution control hearings board, public 10 11 disclosure commission, public employees' benefits board, recreation and 12 conservation funding board, salmon recovery funding board, shorelines 13 hearings board, board of tax appeals, transportation commission, University of Washington board of regents, utilities and transportation 14 15 commission, Washington State University board of regents, and Western Washington University board of trustees. 16

17 **Sec. 108.** RCW 43.03.028 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 2 are each 18 amended to read as follows:

(1) The department of personnel shall study the duties and salaries of the directors of the several departments and the members of the several boards and commissions of state government, who are subject to appointment by the governor or whose salaries are fixed by the governor, and of the chief executive officers of the following agencies of state government:

25 The arts commission; ((the human rights commission;)) the board of accountancy; the board of pharmacy; the eastern Washington historical 26 27 society; the Washington state historical society; the recreation and 28 conservation office; the criminal justice training commission; the 29 department of personnel; the state library; the traffic safety 30 commission; the horse racing commission; the advisory council on 31 vocational education; the public disclosure commission; the state 32 conservation commission; ((the commission on Hispanic affairs; the commission on Asian Pacific American affairs;)) the state board for 33 34 volunteer firefighters and reserve officers; the transportation 35 improvement board; the public employment relations commission; the 36 forest practices appeals board; and the energy facilities site 37 evaluation council.

1 (2) The department of personnel shall report to the governor or the 2 chairperson of the appropriate salary fixing authority at least once in 3 each fiscal biennium on such date as the governor may designate, but 4 not later than seventy-five days prior to the convening of each regular 5 session of the legislature during an odd-numbered year, its 6 recommendations for the salaries to be fixed for each position.

7 Sec. 109. RCW 43.17.010 and 2009 c 565 s 25 are each amended to 8 read as follows:

9 There shall be departments of the state government which shall be known as (1) the department of social and health services, (2) the 10 11 department of ecology, (3) the department of labor and industries, (4) 12 the department of agriculture, (5) the department of fish and wildlife, 13 (6) the department of transportation, (7) the department of licensing, (8) the department of general administration, (9) the department of 14 commerce, (10) the department of veterans affairs, (11) the department 15 16 of revenue, (12) the department of retirement systems, (13) the department of corrections, (14) the department of health, (15) the 17 18 of financial institutions, (16) department the department of archaeology and historic preservation, (17) the department of early 19 20 learning, ((and)) (18) the Puget Sound partnership, and (19) the office 21 of civil rights, which shall be charged with the execution, 22 enforcement, and administration of such laws, and invested with such 23 powers and required to perform such duties, as the legislature may 24 provide.

25 **Sec. 110.** RCW 43.17.020 and 2009 c 565 s 26 are each amended to 26 read as follows:

There shall be a chief executive officer of each department to be 27 28 known as: (1) The secretary of social and health services, (2) the director of ecology, (3) the director of labor and industries, (4) the 29 30 director of agriculture, (5) the director of fish and wildlife, (6) the secretary of transportation, (7) the director of licensing, (8) the 31 director of general administration, (9) the director of commerce, (10) 32 the director of veterans affairs, (11) the director of revenue, (12) 33 34 the director of retirement systems, (13) the secretary of corrections, 35 (14) the secretary of health, (15) the director of financial institutions, (16) the director of the department of archaeology and 36

historic preservation, (17) the director of early learning, ((and))
 (18) the executive director of the Puget Sound partnership, and (19)
 the director of the office of civil rights.

Such officers, except the director of fish and wildlife, shall be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and hold office at the pleasure of the governor. The director of fish and wildlife shall be appointed by the fish and wildlife commission as prescribed by RCW 77.04.055.

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PART II

10 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TRANSFERRED FROM THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AND 11 WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

12 Sec. 201. RCW 39.19.020 and 1996 c 69 s 4 are each amended to read 13 as follows:

14 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in 15 this section apply throughout this chapter.

16 (1) (("Advisory committee" means the advisory committee on minority 17 and women's business enterprises.

18 (2)) "Broker" means a person that provides a bona fide service, 19 such as professional, technical, consultant, brokerage, or managerial 20 services and assistance in the procurement of essential personnel, 21 facilities, equipment, materials, or supplies required for performance 22 of a contract.

(2) "Certified business" means a business that has been examined by the office of civil rights and deemed to be a minority business enterprise, a women's business enterprise, a minority woman's business enterprise, a combination business enterprise, socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprise, or a veteran-owned business enterprise.

29 (3) "Combination business enterprise" means a small business concern, organized for profit, performing a commercially useful 30 function, which is legitimately owned and controlled fifty percent by 31 one or more minority men or minority business enterprises certified by 32 33 the office and fifty percent legitimately owned and controlled by one 34 or more nonminority women or women's business enterprises certified by 35 the office. The owners must be United States citizens or lawful permanent residents. 36

(4) "Director" means the director of the office of ((minority and women's business enterprises)) civil rights.

3 (((4))) (5) "Educational institutions" means the state 4 universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, 5 and the community colleges.

6 (((5))) <u>(6)</u> "Goals" means ((annual)) overall ((agency)) goals, 7 expressed as a percentage of dollar volume, for participation by 8 ((minority and women-owned and controlled)) certified businesses and 9 shall not be construed as a minimum goal for any particular contract or 10 for any particular geographical area. It is the intent of this chapter 11 that such overall ((agency)) goals shall be achievable and shall be met 12 on a contract-by-contract or class-of-contract basis.

13 (((6))) <u>(7)</u> "Goods and/or services" includes professional services 14 and ((all other)) <u>purchased</u> goods and services.

15 (((7))) (8) "Minority business enterprise" means a small business 16 concern, organized for profit, performing a commercially useful 17 function, which is legitimately owned and controlled by one or more 18 minority individuals or minority business enterprises certified by the 19 office. The minority owners must be United States citizens or lawful 20 permanent residents.

21 (9) "Minority women's business enterprise" means a small business 22 concern, organized for profit, performing a commercially useful 23 function, which is legitimately owned and controlled by one or more 24 minority women and is certified by the office. The minority women 25 owners must be United States citizens or lawful permanent residents.

26 <u>(10)</u> "Office" means the office of ((minority and women's business 27 enterprises)) civil rights.

(11) "Person" includes 28 (((8))) one individuals, or more 29 partnerships, associations, organizations, corporations, cooperatives, 30 legal representatives, trustees and receivers, or any group of persons. (((9))) (12) "Personal services" means professional or technical 31 services provided by a consultant to accomplish a specific study, 32 project, task, or other work statement. A consultant is an objective 33 advisor who renders professional opinions, judgments, or 34 35 recommendations.

36 (13) "Plan" means the supplier diversity plan submitted by the
 37 state agency or educational institution and approved by the office.

1 <u>(14)</u> "Procurement" means the purchase, lease, or rental of any 2 goods or services.

3 (((10))) (15) "Public works" means all work, construction, highway 4 and ferry construction, alteration, repair, or improvement other than 5 ordinary maintenance, which a state agency or educational institution 6 is authorized or required by law to undertake.

(((11))) (16) "Socially and economically disadvantaged business 7 enterprise" means a small business concern, organized for profit, 8 performing a commercially useful function, which is legitimately owned 9 and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged 10 individuals or socially and economically disadvantaged business 11 enterprises certified by the office. The socially and economically 12 13 disadvantaged owners must be United States citizens or lawful permanent 14 residents.

15 (17) "State agency" includes the state of Washington and all 16 agencies, departments, offices, divisions, boards, commissions, and 17 correctional and other types of institutions.

18 (18) "Veteran" means a person defined in RCW 41.04.007, or is 19 actively serving honorably as an active or reserve member in any branch 20 of the armed forces of the United States, including the national guard, 21 coast guard, and armed forces reserves.

(19) "Veteran-owned business enterprise" means a business or the
 status of a business that has been certified by the office.

24 (20) "Women business enterprise" means a small business concern, 25 organized for profit, performing a commercially useful function, which 26 is legitimately owned and controlled by one or more women or women's 27 business enterprises certified by the office. The women owners must be 28 United States citizens or lawful permanent residents.

29 Sec. 202. RCW 39.19.030 and 1996 c 69 s 5 are each amended to read 30 as follows:

((There is hereby created the office of minority and women's business enterprises. The governor shall appoint a director for the office, subject to confirmation by the senate. The director may employ a deputy director and a confidential secretary, both of which shall be exempt under chapter 41.06 RCW, and such staff as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.)) 1 The office shall ((consult with the minority and women's business 2 enterprises advisory committee to)):

(1) Develop, plan, and implement programs to provide an opportunity
for participation by ((qualified minority and women-owned and
controlled)) certified businesses in public works, personal services,
and the process by which goods and services are procured by state
agencies and educational institutions from the private sector;

8 (2) Develop a comprehensive plan insuring that ((qualified minority 9 and women-owned and controlled)) certified businesses are provided an 10 opportunity to participate in public contracts for public works, 11 personal services, and goods and services;

12 (3) Identify barriers to equal participation by ((qualified 13 minority and women-owned and controlled)) certified businesses in all 14 state agency and educational institution contracts;

15 (4) Establish ((annual)) overall goals for participation by 16 ((qualified minority and women-owned and controlled)) certified 17 businesses for each state agency and educational institution to be 18 administered on a contract-by-contract basis or on a class-of-contracts 19 basis;

(5) Develop and maintain a central ((minority and women's business enterprise certification)) list of certified businesses for all state agencies and educational institutions((. No business is entitled to certification under this chapter unless it meets the definition of small business concern as established by the office. All applications for certification under this chapter shall be sworn under oath)) and make available to the public;

(6) Develop, implement, and operate a system of monitoringcompliance with this chapter;

29 (7) Adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative 30 Procedure Act, governing: (a) Establishment of agency goals; (b) development and maintenance of a central ((minority and women's 31 32 business enterprise)) certification program, including a definition of "small business concern" which shall be consistent with the small 33 business requirements defined under section 3 of the Small Business 34 35 Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 632, and its implementing regulations as guidance; 36 (c) procedures for monitoring and enforcing compliance with goals, 37 regulations, contract provisions, and this chapter; (d) utilization of standard clauses by state agencies and educational institutions, as 38

specified in RCW 39.19.050; ((and)) (e) determination of an agency's or educational institution's goal attainment consistent with the limitations of RCW 39.19.075; and (f) administration of the linked deposit program;

5 (8) <u>Develop performance measures for the office and submit an</u> 6 annual report to the governor and the legislature outlining the 7 progress in <u>achieving the performance measures and in</u> implementing this 8 chapter;

9 (9) Investigate complaints of violations of this chapter ((with the 10 assistance of the involved agency or educational institution)); and

11 (10) Cooperate and act jointly or by division of labor with the 12 United States or other states, and with political subdivisions of the 13 state of Washington and their respective minority, socially and economically disadvantaged ((and)), women, veteran-owned, and small 14 15 business enterprise programs to carry out the purposes of this chapter. However, the power which may be exercised by the office under this 16 subsection permits investigation and imposition of sanctions only if 17 18 the investigation relates to a possible violation of chapter 39.19 RCW, 19 and not to violation of local ordinances, rules, regulations, however 20 denominated, adopted by political subdivisions of the state.

21 **Sec. 203.** RCW 39.19.060 and 1996 c 288 s 28 are each amended to 22 read as follows:

Each state agency and educational institution shall comply with the 23 ((annual)) goals established for that agency or institution under this 24 25 chapter for public works and procuring goods or services. This chapter applies to all public works and procurement by state agencies and 26 27 educational institutions, including all contracts and other procurement 28 under chapters 28B.10, 39.04, 39.29, 43.19, and 47.28 RCW. Each state 29 agency shall adopt a plan, developed ((in consultation with the 30 director and the advisory committee,)) and approved by the office to insure that ((minority and women-owned)) certified businesses are 31 32 afforded the maximum practicable opportunity to directly and meaningfully participate in the execution of public contracts for 33 public works and goods and services. The plan shall include specific 34 35 measures the agency will undertake to increase the participation of 36 certified ((minority and women-owned)) businesses. The office shall

1 annually notify the governor, the state auditor, and the joint 2 legislative audit and review committee of all agencies and educational 3 institutions not in compliance with this chapter.

4 **Sec. 204.** RCW 39.19.070 and 1994 c 15 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

б It is the intent of this chapter that the goals established under 7 this chapter for participation by ((minority and women-owned and If necessary to controlled)) certified businesses be achievable. 8 9 accomplish this intent, contracts may be awarded to the next lowest 10 responsible bidder in turn, or all bids may be rejected and new bids 11 obtained, if the lowest responsible bidder does not meet the goals 12 established for a particular contract under this chapter. The dollar value of the total contract used for the calculation of the specific 13 14 contract goal may be increased or decreased to reflect executed change orders. An apparent low-bidder must be in compliance with the contract 15 16 provisions required under this chapter as a condition precedent to the 17 granting of a notice of award by any state agency or educational 18 institution.

19 Sec. 205. RCW 39.19.075 and 1996 c 69 s 6 are each amended to read 20 as follows:

21 For purposes of measuring an agency's or educational institution's 22 goal attainment, any regulations adopted under RCW 39.19.030(7)(e) must 23 provide that if a certified ((minority and women's)) business 24 enterprise is a broker of goods or materials required under a contract, 25 the contracting agency or educational institution may count only the dollar value of the fee or commission charged and not the value of 26 27 goods or materials provided. The contracting agency or educational 28 institution may, at its discretion, fix the dollar value of the fee or 29 commission charged at either the actual dollar value of the fee or 30 commission charged or at a standard percentage of the total value of 31 the brokered goods, which percentage must reflect the fees or commissions generally paid to brokers for providing such services. 32

33 **Sec. 206.** RCW 39.19.080 and 1987 c 328 s 5 are each amended to 34 read as follows: 1 (1) A person, firm, corporation, business, union, or other 2 organization shall not:

3 (a) Prevent or interfere with a contractor's or subcontractor's
4 compliance with this chapter, or any rule adopted under this chapter;

5 (b) Submit false or fraudulent information to the state concerning
6 compliance with this chapter or any such rule;

7 (c) Fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or 8 aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to 9 obtain or retain certification ((as a minority or women's business 10 enterprise)) for the purpose of this chapter;

(d) Knowingly make a false statement, whether by affidavit, verified statement, report, or other representation, to a state official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification ((of any entity as a minority or women's business enterprise));

16 (e) Knowingly obstruct, impede, or attempt to obstruct or impede 17 any state official or employee who is investigating the qualification 18 of a business entity that has requested certification ((as a minority 19 or women's business enterprise));

(f) Fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain, or aid another person in fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain public moneys to which the person is not entitled under this chapter; ((or))

(g) Knowingly make false statements that any entity is or is not <u>a</u> certified ((as a minority or women's)) business enterprise for purposes of obtaining a contract governed by this chapter; or

(h) Discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to any
 certified business on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or
 national origin in the operation of public contracting.

29 (2) <u>An agency or educational institution shall not knowingly fail</u> 30 <u>to implement its plan, where such failure results in disparate impact</u> 31 <u>to a certified business.</u>

32 (3) Any person, agency, educational institution, or entity 33 violating this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter shall be 34 subject to the penalties in RCW 39.19.090. Nothing in this section 35 prevents the state agency or educational institution from pursuing such 36 procedures or sanctions as are otherwise provided by statute, rule, or 37 contract provision.

1 **Sec. 207.** RCW 39.19.120 and 1987 c 328 s 7 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

(1) The office shall be the sole authority to perform certification 3 4 minority business enterprises, socially of and economically 5 disadvantaged business enterprises, ((and)) women's business enterprises, and veteran-owned business enterprises throughout the б 7 state of Washington. Certification by the ((state)) office will allow 8 these firms to participate in programs for these enterprises administered by the state of Washington, any city, town, county, 9 10 special purpose district, public corporation created by the state, 11 municipal corporation, or quasi-municipal corporation within the state 12 of Washington.

13 (2) This statewide certification process will prevent duplication 14 of effort, achieve efficiency, and permit local jurisdictions to 15 further develop, implement, and/or enhance comprehensive systems of 16 monitoring and compliance for contracts issued by their agencies.

17 (3) The office may enter into agreements with other certification 18 and registration authorities to implement the requirements of this 19 section.

20 Sec. 208. RCW 39.19.150 and 1987 c 328 s 10 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

(1) Any city, county, town, special purpose district, public corporation created by the state, municipal corporation, or quasimunicipal corporation having reason to believe that a particular ((minority and women's)) certified business enterprise should not have been certified under RCW 39.19.140 may petition the office for reconsideration. The basis for the petition may be one or more of the following:

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(a) The office's rules or regulations were improperly applied; or

30 (b) Material facts relating to the ((minority and women's)) 31 <u>certified</u> business enterprise's certification application to the office 32 are untrue.

(2) The petitioner shall carry the burden of persuasion. The
 affected ((minority or women's)) certified business enterprise shall
 receive notice of the petition and an opportunity to respond.

36 (3) After reviewing the information presented in support of and in37 opposition to the petition, the office shall issue a written decision,

granting or denying the petition. If the office grants the petition,
 it may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the certification or impose
 sanctions under this chapter as appropriate.

4 (4) The office's decision on a petition is administratively final
5 and the rights of appeal set out in the office regulations shall apply.
6 A certification shall remain in effect while a petition is pending.

7 **Sec. 209.** RCW 39.19.170 and 1993 c 512 s 10 are each amended to 8 read as follows:

9 (1) State agencies shall not require a performance bond for any 10 public works project that does not exceed ((twenty-five)) <u>one hundred</u> 11 thousand dollars awarded to a ((prequalified and)) certified ((minority 12 or woman-owned)) business that has been prequalified as provided under 13 subsection (2) of this section.

14 (2) A limited prequalification questionnaire shall be required 15 assuring:

16 (a) That the bidder has adequate financial resources or the ability17 to secure such resources;

(b) That the bidder can meet the performance schedule;

19 (c) That the bidder is experienced in the type of work to be 20 performed; and

(d) That all equipment to be used is adequate and functioning andthat all equipment operators are qualified to operate such equipment.

23 **Sec. 210.** RCW 39.19.200 and 1993 c 195 s 1 are each amended to 24 read as follows:

25 The ((minority and women's)) office of civil right's certified business ((enterprises)) account is created in the custody of the state 26 treasurer. All receipts from RCW 39.19.210, 39.19.220, and 39.19.230 27 shall be deposited in the account. Expenditures from the account may 28 29 be used only for the purposes defraying all or part of the costs of the 30 office in administering this chapter. Only the director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. 31 32 Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.

33 **Sec. 211.** RCW 39.19.240 and 2005 c 302 s 5 are each amended to 34 read as follows:

35 (1) The office shall, in consultation with the state treasurer

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1 ((and the department of community, trade, and economic development)),

2 compile information on minority, women, and ((women's)) veteran-owned 3 business enterprises that have received financial assistance through a 4 qualified public depositary under the provisions of RCW 43.86A.060. 5 The information shall include, but is not limited to:

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(a) Name of the qualified public depositary;

7 (b) Geographic location of the minority, women, or ((women's))
8 veteran-owned business enterprise;

9 (c) Name of the minority<u>, women</u>, or ((women's)) <u>veteran-owned</u> 10 business enterprise;

11 (d) Date of last certification by the office and certification
12 number;

13 (e) Type of business;

14 (f) Amount and term of the loan to the minority, women, or 15 ((women's)) veteran-owned business enterprise; and

16 (g) Other information the office deems necessary for the 17 implementation of this section.

18 (2) The office shall notify the state treasurer of minority ((or women's)), women, and veteran-owned business enterprises that are no longer certified under the provisions of this chapter. The written notification shall contain information regarding the reason for the decertification and information on financing provided to the minority or women's business enterprise under RCW 43.86A.060.

(3) The office shall, in consultation with the state treasurer
((and the department of community, trade, and economic development,))
monitor the performance of loans made to minority and women-owned
business enterprises under RCW 43.86A.060.

28 **Sec. 212.** RCW 39.19.250 and 2009 c 348 s 2 are each amended to 29 read as follows:

(1) For the purpose of annual reporting on progress required by 30 31 section 1 of this act, each state agency and educational institution shall submit data to the office and the office of ((minority and 32 33 women's business enterprises)) financial management on the 34 participation by qualified minority and women-owned and controlled 35 businesses in the agency's or institution's contracts and other related 36 information requested by the director. The director of the office ((of

1 minority and women's business enterprises)) shall determine the content
2 and format of the data and the reporting schedule, which must be at
3 least annually.

4 (2) ((The office must develop and maintain a list of contact people
5 at each state agency and educational institution that is able to
6 present to hearings of the appropriate committees of the legislature
7 its progress in carrying out the purposes of chapter 39.19 RCW.

8 (3)) The office must submit a report aggregating the data received 9 from each state agency and educational institution to the legislature 10 and the governor.

11 Sec. 213. RCW 47.28.030 and 2010 c 283 s 9 and 2010 c 5 s 11 are 12 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

13 (1)(a) A state highway shall be constructed, altered, repaired, or improvements located on property acquired for 14 improved, and right-of-way purposes may be repaired or renovated pending the use of 15 16 such right-of-way for highway purposes, by contract or state forces. 17 The work or portions thereof may be done by state forces when the estimated costs thereof are less than fifty thousand dollars and 18 effective July 1, 2005, sixty thousand dollars. 19

(b) When delay of performance of such work would jeopardize a state highway or constitute a danger to the traveling public, the work may be done by state forces when the estimated cost thereof is less than eighty thousand dollars and effective July 1, 2005, one hundred thousand dollars.

(c) When the department of transportation determines to do the work by state forces, it shall enter a statement upon its records to that effect, stating the reasons therefor.

(d) To enable a larger number of small businesses and veteran, 28 29 minority, and women contractors to effectively compete for department of transportation contracts, the department may adopt rules providing 30 for bids and award of contracts for the performance of work, or 31 furnishing equipment, materials, supplies, or operating services 32 whenever any work is to be performed and the engineer's estimate 33 34 indicates the cost of the work would not exceed eighty thousand dollars 35 and effective July 1, 2005, one hundred thousand dollars.

36 (2) The rules adopted under this section:

1 (a) Shall provide for competitive bids to the extent that 2 competitive sources are available except when delay of performance 3 would jeopardize life or property or inconvenience the traveling 4 public; and

5 (b) Need not require the furnishing of a bid deposit nor a 6 performance bond, but if a performance bond is not required then 7 progress payments to the contractor may be required to be made based on 8 submittal of paid invoices to substantiate proof that disbursements 9 have been made to laborers, material suppliers, mechanics, and 10 subcontractors from the previous partial payment; and

11 (c) May establish prequalification standards and procedures as an 12 alternative to those set forth in RCW 47.28.070, but the 13 prequalification standards and procedures under RCW 47.28.070 shall 14 always be sufficient.

(3) The department of transportation shall comply with such goals and rules as may be adopted by the office of ((minority and women's business enterprises)) civil rights to implement chapter 39.19 RCW with respect to contracts entered into under this chapter. The department may adopt such rules as may be necessary to comply with the rules adopted by the office of ((minority and women's business enterprises)) civil rights under chapter 39.19 RCW.

(4)(a) For the period of March 15, 2010, through June 30, 2011,
work for less than one hundred twenty thousand dollars may be performed
on ferry vessels and terminals by state forces.

25 (b) The department shall hire a disinterested, third party to 26 conduct an independent analysis to identify methods of reducing out-of-27 service times for vessel maintenance, preservation, and improvement 28 The analysis must include options that projects. consider 29 consolidating work while vessels are at shipyards by having state 30 forces perform services traditionally performed at Eagle Harbor at the shipyard and decreasing the allowable time at shipyards. The analysis 31 must also compare the out-of-service vessel times of performing 32 services by state forces versus contracting out those services which in 33 turn must be used to form a recommendation as to what the threshold of 34 35 work performed on ferry vessels and terminals by state forces should 36 This analysis must be presented to the transportation committees be. 37 of the senate and house of representatives by December 1, 2010.

1 (c) The department shall develop a proposed ferry vessel 2 maintenance, preservation, and improvement program and present it to 3 the transportation committees of the senate and house of 4 representatives by December 1, 2010. The proposed program must:

5 (i) Improve the basis for budgeting vessel maintenance, 6 preservation, and improvement costs and for projecting those costs into 7 a sixteen-year financial plan;

8 (ii) Limit the amount of planned out-of-service time to the 9 greatest extent possible, including options associated with department 10 staff as well as commercial shipyards; and

(iii) Be based on the service plan in the capital plan, recognizingthat vessel preservation and improvement needs may vary by route.

13 (d) In developing the proposed ferry vessel maintenance, 14 preservation, and improvement program, the department shall consider 15 the following, related to reducing vessel out-of-service time:

16 (i) The costs compared to benefits of Eagle Harbor repair and 17 maintenance facility operations options to include staffing costs and 18 benefits in terms of reduced out-of-service time;

19 (ii) The maintenance requirements for on-vessel staff, including 20 the benefits of a systemwide standard;

(iii) The costs compared to benefits of staff performing preservation or maintenance work, or both, while the vessel is underway, tied up between sailings, or not deployed;

(iv) A review of the department's vessel maintenance, preservation, and improvement program contracting process and contractual requirements;

(v) The costs compared to benefits of allowing for increased costsassociated with expedited delivery;

(vi) A method for comparing the anticipated out-of-service time of proposed projects and other projects planned during the same construction period;

32 (vii) Coordination with required United States coast guard dry33 dockings;

34 (viii) A method for comparing how proposed projects relate to the 35 service requirements of the route on which the vessel normally 36 operates; and

37 (ix) A method for evaluating the ongoing maintenance and38 preservation costs associated with proposed improvement projects.

1 Sec. 214. RCW 39.10.220 and 2007 c 494 s 102 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The board is created in the department of general 4 administration to provide an evaluation of public capital projects 5 construction processes, including the impact of contracting methods on 6 project outcomes, and to advise the legislature on policies related to 7 public works delivery methods.

8 (2)(a) The board shall consist of the following members appointed Two representatives from construction general 9 by the governor: 10 contracting; one representative from the architectural profession; one 11 representative from the engineering profession; two representatives 12 from construction specialty subcontracting; two representatives from 13 construction trades labor organizations; one representative from the office of ((minority and women's business enterprises)) civil rights; 14 15 representative from a higher education institution; one one representative from the department of general administration; two 16 representatives from private industry; and one representative of a 17 18 domestic insurer authorized to write surety bonds for contractors in 19 Washington state. All appointed members must be knowledgeable about 20 public works contracting procedures.

(b) Three members shall be positions representing different local public owners, selected by the association of Washington cities, the Washington state association of counties, and the Washington public ports association, respectively.

(c) One member shall be a representative from the public hospital districts, selected by the association of Washington public hospital districts.

(d) One member shall be a representative from school districts,
selected by the Washington state school directors' association.

30 (e) The board shall include two members of the house of 31 representatives, one from each major caucus, appointed by the speaker 32 of the house of representatives, and two members of the senate, one 33 from each major caucus, appointed by the president of the senate. 34 Legislative members are nonvoting.

35 (3) Members selected under subsection (2)(a) of this section shall 36 serve for terms of four years, with the terms expiring on June 30th on 37 the fourth year of the term. (4) The board chair is selected from among the appointed members by
 the majority vote of the voting members.

3 (5) Legislative members of the board shall be reimbursed for travel 4 expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative members of 5 the board, project review committee members, and subcommittee chairs 6 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 7 and 43.03.060.

8 (6) If a vacancy occurs of the appointive members of the board, the 9 governor shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Members of the 10 board may be removed for malfeasance or misfeasance in office, upon 11 specific written charges by the governor, under chapter 34.05 RCW.

(7) The board shall meet as often as necessary.

13 (8) Board members are expected to consistently attend board 14 meetings. The chair of the board may ask the governor to remove any 15 member who misses more than two meetings in any calendar year without 16 cause.

17 (9) The department of general administration shall provide staff 18 support as may be required for the proper discharge of the function of 19 the board.

(10) The board may establish subcommittees as it desires and may
 invite nonmembers of the board to serve as committee members.

(11) The board shall encourage participation from persons andentities not represented on the board.

24 **Sec. 215.** RCW 39.10.385 and 2010 c 163 s 1 are each amended to 25 read as follows:

As an alternative to the subcontractor selection process outlined 26 27 in RCW 39.10.380, a general contractor/construction manager may, with the approval of the public body, select a mechanical subcontractor, an 28 29 electrical subcontractor, or both, using the process outlined in this 30 section. This alternative selection process may only be used when the 31 anticipated value of the subcontract will exceed three million dollars. alternative selection 32 When usinq the process, the general contractor/construction manager should select the subcontractor early 33 34 in the life of the public works project.

(1) In order to use this alternative selection process, the general
 contractor/construction manager and the public body must determine that

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it is in the best interest of the public. In making this determination
 the general contractor/construction manager and the public body must:

(a) Publish a notice of intent to use this alternative selection 3 4 process in a legal newspaper published in or as near as possible to that part of the county where the public work will be constructed. 5 Notice must be published at least fourteen calendar days before б 7 conducting a public hearing. The notice must include the date, time, 8 and location of the hearing; a statement justifying the basis and need for the alternative selection process; and how interested parties may, 9 10 prior to the hearing, obtain the evaluation criteria and applicable weight given to each criteria that will be used for evaluation; 11

(b) Conduct a hearing and provide an opportunity for any interested party to submit written and verbal comments regarding the justification for using this selection process, the evaluation criteria, and weights for each criteria;

16 (c) After the public hearing, consider the written and verbal 17 comments received and determine if using this alternative selection 18 process is in the best interests of the public; and

(d) Issue a written final determination to all interested parties.
All protests of the decision to use the alternative selection process
must be in writing and submitted to the public body within seven
calendar days of the final determination. Any modifications to the
criteria and weights based on comments received during the public
hearing process must be included in the final determination.

(2) Contracts for the services of a subcontractor under this section must be awarded through a competitive process requiring a public solicitation of proposals. Notice of the public solicitation of proposals must be provided to the office of ((minority and women's business enterprises)) civil rights. The public solicitation of proposals must include:

31 (a) A description of the project, including programmatic, 32 performance, and technical requirements and specifications when 33 available;

34 (b) The reasons for using the alternative selection process;

35 (c) A description of the minimum qualifications required of the 36 firm;

37 (d) A description of the process used to evaluate qualifications

1 and proposals, including evaluation factors and the relative weight of 2 factors;

3 (e) The form of the contract, including any contract for 4 preconstruction services, to be awarded;

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(f) The estimated maximum allowable subcontract cost; and

6 (g) The bid instructions to be used by the finalists.

7 (3) Evaluation factors for selection of the subcontractor must8 include, but not be limited to:

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(a) Ability of the firm's professional personnel;

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11 (c) The firm's ability to meet time and budget requirements;

(b) The firm's past performance on similar projects;

(d) The scope of work the firm proposes to perform with its ownforces and its ability to perform that work;

14 (e) The firm's plan for outreach to minority and women-owned 15 businesses;

16 (f) The firm's proximity to the project location;

17 (g) The firm's capacity to successfully complete the project;

18 (h) The firm's approach to executing the project;

19 (i) The firm's approach to safety on the project;

20 (j) The firm's safety history; and

(k) If the firm is selected as one of the most qualified finalists,the firm's fee and cost proposal.

23 (4) The general contractor/construction manager shall establish a 24 committee to evaluate the proposals. At least one representative from the public body shall serve on the committee. 25 Final proposals, 26 including sealed bids for the percent fee on the estimated maximum 27 allowable subcontract cost, and the fixed amount for the subcontract 28 general conditions work specified in the request for proposal, will be 29 the qualified firms. The requested from most general 30 contractor/construction manager and the public body shall select the firm submitting the highest scored final proposal using the evaluation 31 32 factors and the relative weight of factors identified in the solicitation of proposals. The scoring of the nonprice factors must be 33 made available at the opening of the fee and cost proposals. 34 The 35 general contractor/construction manager may not evaluate or disqualify 36 a proposal based on the terms of a collective bargaining agreement.

37 (5) If the general contractor/construction manager is unable to38 negotiate a satisfactory maximum allowable subcontract cost with the

by public body and 1 firm selected deemed the general 2 contractor/construction manager to be fair, reasonable, and within the available funds, negotiations with that firm must be 3 formally 4 terminated and the general contractor/construction manager may negotiate with the next highest scored firm until an agreement is 5 6 reached or the process is terminated.

(6) If the general contractor/construction manager receives a 7 8 written protest from a bidder, it may not execute a contract for the 9 subject work with anyone other than the protesting bidder, without 10 first providing at least two full business days' written notice to all 11 bidders of the intent to execute a contract for the subcontract bid 12 package. The protesting bidder must submit written notice to the 13 general contractor/construction manager of its protest no later than two full business days following the bid opening. 14

15 With the approval of the public body, the (7)general contractor/construction manager may contract with the selected firm to 16 provide services during the design phase that may include life-cycle 17 18 cost design considerations, value engineering, scheduling, cost 19 estimating, constructability, alternative construction options for cost 20 savings, and sequencing of work; and to act as the mechanical or 21 electrical subcontractor during the construction phase.

22 (8) The maximum allowable subcontract cost must be used to 23 establish a total subcontract cost for purposes of a performance and 24 payment bond. Total subcontract cost means the fixed amount for the detailed specified general conditions work, the negotiated maximum 25 26 allowable subcontract cost, and the percent fee on the negotiated 27 maximum allowable subcontract cost. Maximum allowable subcontract cost means the maximum cost to complete the work specified for the 28 subcontract, including the estimated cost of work to be performed by 29 30 the subcontractor's own forces, a percentage for risk contingency, negotiated support services, and approved change orders. 31 The maximum 32 allowable subcontract cost must be negotiated between the general 33 contractor/construction manager and the selected firm when the construction documents and specifications are at least ninety percent 34 35 complete. Final agreement on the maximum allowable subcontract cost is 36 subject to the approval of the public body.

37 (9) If the work of the mechanical contractor or electrical38 contractor is completed for less than the maximum allowable subcontract

cost, any savings not otherwise negotiated as part of an incentive 1 2 clause becomes part of the risk contingency included in the general 3 contractor/construction manager's maximum allowable construction cost. 4 If the work of the mechanical contractor or the electrical contractor is completed for more than the maximum allowable subcontract cost, the 5 additional cost is the responsibility of that subcontractor. б An 7 independent audit, paid for by the public body, must be conducted upon 8 completion of the contract to confirm the proper accrual of costs as 9 outlined in the contract.

10 (10) A mechanical or electrical contractor selected under this 11 section may perform work with its own forces. In the event it elects 12 to subcontract some of its work, it must select a subcontractor 13 utilizing the procedure outlined in RCW 39.10.380.

14 **Sec. 216.** RCW 39.10.450 and 2007 c 494 s 404 are each amended to 15 read as follows:

16 (1) The maximum dollar amount for a work order is three hundred 17 fifty thousand dollars. For each job order contract, public bodies 18 shall not issue more than two work orders equal to or greater than 19 three hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month contract period.

(2) All work orders issued for the same project shall be treated asa single work order for purposes of the dollar limit on work orders.

(3) No more than twenty percent of the dollar value of a work ordermay consist of items of work not contained in the unit price book.

(4) Any new permanent, enclosed building space constructed under awork order shall not exceed two thousand gross square feet.

26 (5) A public body may issue no work orders under a job order contract until it has approved, in consultation with the office of 27 ((minority and women's business enterprises)) civil rights or the 28 29 equivalent local agency, a plan prepared by the job order contractor that equitably spreads certified women, veteran-owned, and minority 30 31 business enterprise subcontracting opportunities, to the extent 32 permitted by the Washington state civil rights act, RCW 49.60.400, among the various subcontract disciplines. 33

(6) For purposes of chapters 39.08, 39.12, 39.76, and 60.28 RCW,
each work order issued shall be treated as a separate contract. The
alternate filing provisions of RCW 39.12.040(2) apply to each work

order that otherwise meets the eligibility requirements of RCW
 39.12.040(2).

3 (7) The job order contract shall not be used for the procurement of 4 architectural or engineering services not associated with specific work 5 orders. Architectural and engineering services shall be procured in 6 accordance with RCW 39.80.040.

7 Sec. 217. RCW 39.102.100 and 2006 c 181 s 208 are each amended to 8 read as follows:

9 Prior to adopting the ordinance ((creating)) adopting the revenue the requirements 10 development area and to meet of RCW 39.102.150(1)(((b)))<u>(a)(ii)</u>, a sponsoring local government and any 11 12 cosponsoring local government must provide public notice.

(1) Notice of the public hearing must be published in a legal newspaper of general circulation within the proposed revenue development area at least ten days before the public hearing and posted in at least six conspicuous public places located in the proposed revenue development area.

18 (2) Notice must also be sent by United States mail to the property owners, all identifiable community-based organizations with involvement 19 20 in the proposed revenue development area, and the business enterprises 21 located within the proposed revenue development area at least thirty 22 days prior to the hearing. In implementing provisions under this 23 chapter, the local governing body may also consult with community-based 24 groups, business organizations, including the local chamber of 25 and the office of ((minority and women's business commerce, 26 enterprises)) civil rights to assist with providing appropriate notice 27 to business enterprises and property owners for whom English is a 28 second language.

29 (3) Notices must describe the contemplated public improvements, estimate the public improvement costs, describe the portion of the 30 31 public improvement costs to be borne by local infrastructure financing, 32 any other sources of revenue to finance the describe public improvements, describe the boundaries of the proposed 33 revenue 34 development area, estimate the impact that the public improvements will 35 have on small businesses and low-income housing, and estimate the 36 period during which local infrastructure financing is contemplated to 37 be used.

(4) Notices must inform the public where to obtain the information
 that shows how the limitations, conditions, and findings required in
 RCW 39.102.060 through 39.102.080 are met.

4 (5) The sponsoring local government and any cosponsoring local 5 government shall deliver a certified copy of the proposed ordinance to 6 the county treasurer, the governing body of each participating local 7 government and participating taxing district within which the revenue 8 development area is located, the board, and the department.

9 **Sec. 218.** RCW 43.63A.690 and 2005 c 302 s 6 are each amended to 10 read as follows:

(1) The department shall provide technical assistance and loan packaging services that enable minority, veteran-owned, and women-owned business enterprises to obtain financing under the linked deposit program created under RCW 43.86A.060.

15 (2) The department, in consultation with the office of ((minority and women's business enterprises)) civil rights, shall develop 17 indicators to measure the performance of the linked deposit program in 18 the areas of job creation or retention and providing access to capital 19 to minority, veteran-owned, or women's business enterprises.

20 Sec. 219. RCW 43.86A.060 and 2009 c 385 s 3 and 2009 c 384 s 1 are 21 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

22 (1) The state treasurer shall establish a linked deposit program 23 for investment of deposits in qualified public depositaries. As a 24 condition of participating the in program, qualified public 25 depositaries must make qualifying loans as provided in this section. 26 The state treasurer may purchase a certificate of deposit that is equal to the amount of the qualifying loan made by the qualified public 27 depositary or may purchase a certificate of deposit that is equal to 28 29 the aggregate amount of two or more qualifying loans made by one or 30 more qualified public depositaries.

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(2) Qualifying loans made under this section are those:

32 (a) Having terms that do not exceed ten years;

33 (b) Where an individual loan does not exceed one million dollars; 34 (c)(i) That are made to a minority, veteran-owned, or women's 35 business enterprise that has received state certification under chapter 36 39.19 RCW; or

1 (ii) ((That are made to a veteran-owned business that has received 2 state certification under RCW 43.60A.190; or

3 (iii)) That are made to a community development financial 4 institution that is: (A) Certified by the United States department of 5 the treasury pursuant to 12 U.S.C. Sec. 4701 et seq.; and (B) using 6 that loan to make qualifying loans under (c)(i) of this subsection;

7 (d) Where the interest rate on the loan to the minority $((\frac{\partial r}{\partial r}))_{\perp}$ women's ((business enterprise)), or veteran-owned business does not 8 exceed an interest rate that is two hundred basis points below the 9 10 interest rate the qualified public depositary would charge for a loan for a similar purpose and a similar term, except that, if the 11 12 preference given by the state treasurer to the qualified public 13 depositary under subsection (3) of this section is less than two hundred basis points, the qualified public depositary may reduce the 14 preference given on the loan by an amount that corresponds to the 15 reduction in preference below two hundred basis points given to the 16 17 qualified public depositary; and

(e) Where the points or fees charged at loan closing do not exceedone percent of the loan amount.

(3) In setting interest rates of time certificate of deposits, the state treasurer shall offer rates so that a two hundred basis point preference will be given to the qualified public depositary, except that the treasurer may lower the amount of the preference to ensure that the effective interest rate on the deposit is not less than zero percent.

(4) Upon notification by the state treasurer that a minority, veteran-owned, or women's business enterprise is no longer certified under chapter 39.19 RCW ((or that a veteran-owned business is no longer certified under RCW 43.60A.190)), the qualified public depositary shall reduce the amount of qualifying loans by the outstanding balance of the loan made under this section to the minority ((or)), women's ((business enterprise)), or the veteran-owned business, as applicable.

33 (5) The office of ((minority and women's business enterprises)) 34 <u>civil rights</u> has the authority to adopt rules to:

(a) Ensure that when making a qualified loan under the linked
 deposit program, businesses that have never received a loan under the
 linked deposit program are given first priority;

1 (b) Limit the total principal loan amount that any one business 2 receives in qualified loans under the linked deposit program over the 3 lifetime of the businesses;

4 (c) Limit the total principal loan amount that an owner of one or
5 more businesses receives in qualified loans under the linked deposit
6 program during the owner's lifetime;

7 (d) Limit the total amount of any one qualified loan made under the8 linked deposit program; and

9 (e) Ensure that loans made by community development financial 10 institutions are qualifying loans under subsection (2)(c)(i) of this 11 section.

12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 220. The following acts or parts of acts are 13 each repealed:

14 (1) RCW 39.19.010 (Intent) and 1987 c 328 s 1 & 1983 c 120 s 1;

15 (2) RCW 39.19.041 (Ad hoc advisory committees) and 1995 c 269 s
16 1302;

17 (3) RCW 39.19.140 (Implementation of statewide certification) and 18 1987 c 328 s 9;

19 (4) RCW 39.19.910 (Effective date--Applicability--1983 c 120) and 20 1983 c 120 s 21;

21 (5) RCW 39.19.920 (Severability--Conflict with federal 22 requirements--1983 c 120) and 1983 c 120 s 18;

23 (6) RCW 39.19.921 (Severability--1987 c 328) and 1987 c 328 s 17; 24 and

25 (7) RCW 41.06.082 (Office of minority and women's business 26 enterprises--Certain personnel exempted from chapter) and 1983 c 120 s 27 14.

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PART III

29 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TRANSFERRED FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

30 **Sec. 301.** RCW 49.60.010 and 2007 c 187 s 1 are each amended to 31 read as follows:

This chapter shall be known as the "law against discrimination." It is an exercise of the police power of the state for the protection of the public welfare, health, and peace of the people of this state, and in fulfillment of the provisions of the Constitution of this state

concerning civil rights. The legislature hereby finds and declares 1 2 that practices of discrimination against any of its inhabitants because 3 of race, creed, color, national origin, families with children, sex, 4 marital status, sexual orientation, age, honorably discharged veteran 5 or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a 6 7 person with a disability are a matter of state concern, that such 8 discrimination threatens not only the rights and proper privileges of its inhabitants but menaces the institutions and foundation of a free 9 The office of civil rights, a state agency is 10 democratic state. ((herein)) created in this act with powers with respect to elimination 11 12 and prevention of discrimination in employment, in credit and insurance 13 transactions, in places of public resort, accommodation, or amusement, and in real property transactions because of race, creed, color, 14 national origin, families with children, sex, marital status, sexual 15 16 orientation, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or 17 the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog quide or service animal by a person with a disability; 18 19 and the ((commission established hereunder)) office of civil rights is 20 hereby given general jurisdiction and power for such purposes.

21 **Sec. 302.** RCW 49.60.040 and 2009 c 187 s 3 are each amended to 22 read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Aggrieved person" means any person who: (a) Claims to have
been injured by an unfair practice in a real estate transaction; or (b)
believes that he or she will be injured by an unfair practice in a real
estate transaction that is about to occur.

29 (2) "Any place of public resort, accommodation, assemblage, or amusement" includes, but is not limited to, any place, licensed or 30 31 unlicensed, kept for gain, hire, or reward, or where charges are made 32 for admission, service, occupancy, or use of any property or facilities, whether conducted for the entertainment, housing, 33 or lodging of transient guests, or for the benefit, use, or accommodation 34 35 of those seeking health, recreation, or rest, or for the burial or 36 other disposition of human remains, or for the sale of goods, 37 merchandise, services, or personal property, or for the rendering of

personal services, or for public conveyance or transportation on land, 1 2 water, or in the air, including the stations and terminals thereof and 3 the garaging of vehicles, or where food or beverages of any kind are 4 sold for consumption on the premises, or where public amusement, 5 entertainment, sports, or recreation of any kind is offered with or without charge, or where medical service or care is made available, or 6 7 where the public gathers, congregates, or assembles for amusement, 8 recreation, or public purposes, or public halls, public elevators, and public washrooms of buildings and structures occupied by two or more 9 10 tenants, or by the owner and one or more tenants, or any public library or educational institution, or schools of special instruction, or 11 12 nursery schools, or day care centers or children's camps: PROVIDED, 13 That nothing contained in this definition shall be construed to include or apply to any institute, bona fide club, or place of accommodation, 14 which is by its nature distinctly private, including fraternal 15 organizations, though where public use is permitted that use shall be 16 17 covered by this chapter; nor shall anything contained in this 18 definition apply to any educational facility, columbarium, crematory, mausoleum, or cemetery operated or maintained by a bona fide religious 19 or sectarian institution. 20

21 (3) (("Commission" means the Washington state human rights 22 commission.

23 (4)) "Complainant" means the person who files a complaint in a 24 real estate transaction.

(((5))) <u>(4)</u> "Covered multifamily dwelling" means: (a) Buildings consisting of four or more dwelling units if such buildings have one or more elevators; and (b) ground floor dwelling units in other buildings consisting of four or more dwelling units.

29 (((-6))) (5) "Credit transaction" includes any open or closed end 30 credit transaction, whether in the nature of a loan, retail installment transaction, credit card issue or charge, or otherwise, and whether for 31 personal or for business purposes, in which a service, finance, or 32 interest charge is imposed, or which provides for repayment in 33 scheduled payments, when such credit is extended in the regular course 34 35 of any trade or commerce, including but not limited to transactions by 36 banks, savings and loan associations or other financial lending 37 institutions of whatever nature, stock brokers, or by a merchant or

mercantile establishment which as part of its ordinary business permits or provides that payment for purchases of property or service therefrom may be deferred.

4 (((7))) <u>(6) "Director" means the director of the office of civil</u> 5 <u>rights.</u>

6 <u>(7)(a)</u> "Disability" means the presence of a sensory, mental, or 7 physical impairment that:

8 (i) Is medically cognizable or diagnosable; or

9 (ii) Exists as a record or history; or

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(iii) Is perceived to exist whether or not it exists in fact.

(b) A disability exists whether it is temporary or permanent, common or uncommon, mitigated or unmitigated, or whether or not it limits the ability to work generally or work at a particular job or whether or not it limits any other activity within the scope of this chapter.

16 (c) For purposes of this definition, "impairment" includes, but is 17 not limited to:

18 (i) Any physiological disorder, or condition, cosmetic 19 disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the 20 following body systems: Neurological, musculoskeletal, special sense 21 organs, respiratory, including speech organs, cardiovascular, 22 reproductive, digestive, genitor-urinary, hemic and lymphatic, skin, 23 and endocrine; or

(ii) Any mental, developmental, traumatic, or psychological
disorder, including but not limited to cognitive limitation, organic
brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning
disabilities.

28 (d) Only for the purposes of qualifying for reasonable 29 accommodation in employment, an impairment must be known or shown 30 through an interactive process to exist in fact and:

(i) The impairment must have a substantially limiting effect upon the individual's ability to perform his or her job, the individual's ability to apply or be considered for a job, or the individual's access to equal benefits, privileges, or terms or conditions of employment; or

35 (ii) The employee must have put the employer on notice of the 36 existence of an impairment, and medical documentation must establish a 37 reasonable likelihood that engaging in job functions without an accommodation would aggravate the impairment to the extent that it
 would create a substantially limiting effect.

3 (e) For purposes of (d) of this subsection, a limitation is not
4 substantial if it has only a trivial effect.

5 (8) "Dog guide" means a dog that is trained for the purpose of 6 guiding blind persons or a dog that is trained for the purpose of 7 assisting hearing impaired persons.

8 (9) "Dwelling" means any building, structure, or portion thereof 9 that is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a 10 residence by one or more families, and any vacant land that is offered 11 for sale or lease for the construction or location thereon of any such 12 building, structure, or portion thereof.

(10) "Employee" does not include any individual employed by his or her parents, spouse, or child, or in the domestic service of any person.

16 (11) "Employer" includes any person acting in the interest of an 17 employer, directly or indirectly, who employs eight or more persons, 18 and does not include any religious or sectarian organization not 19 organized for private profit.

20 (12) "Employment agency" includes any person undertaking with or 21 without compensation to recruit, procure, refer, or place employees for 22 an employer.

(13) "Families with children status" means one or more individuals 23 24 who have not attained the age of eighteen years being domiciled with a 25 parent or another person having legal custody of such individual or 26 individuals, or with the designee of such parent or other person having 27 such legal custody, with the written permission of such parent or other Families with children status also applies to any person who 28 person. 29 is pregnant or is in the process of securing legal custody of any 30 individual who has not attained the age of eighteen years.

(14) "Full enjoyment of" includes the right to purchase any service, commodity, or article of personal property offered or sold on, or by, any establishment to the public, and the admission of any person to accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges of any place of public resort, accommodation, assemblage, or amusement, without acts directly or indirectly causing persons of any particular race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, or with any sensory,

1 mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or 2 service animal by a person with a disability, to be treated as not 3 welcome, accepted, desired, or solicited.

4 (15) "Honorably discharged veteran or military status" means a 5 person who is:

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(a) A veteran, as defined in RCW 41.04.007; or

7 (b) An active or reserve member in any branch of the armed forces 8 of the United States, including the national guard, coast guard, and 9 armed forces reserves.

10 (16) "Labor organization" includes any organization which exists 11 for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers 12 concerning grievances or terms or conditions of employment, or for 13 other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment.

14 (17) "Marital status" means the legal status of being married,15 single, separated, divorced, or widowed.

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(18) "National origin" includes "ancestry."

17 (19) <u>"Office" means the Washington state office of civil rights</u>
 18 <u>created in section 102 of this act.</u>

19 (20) "Person" includes one or more individuals, partnerships, 20 associations, organizations, corporations, cooperatives, legal 21 representatives, trustees and receivers, or any group of persons; it 22 includes any owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, agent, or employee, 23 whether one or more natural persons; and further includes any political 24 or civil subdivisions of the state and any agency or instrumentality of 25 the state or of any political or civil subdivision thereof.

26 (((20))) <u>(21)</u> "Premises" means the interior or exterior spaces, 27 parts, components, or elements of a building, including individual 28 dwelling units and the public and common use areas of a building.

29 (((21))) <u>(22)</u> "Real estate transaction" includes the sale, 30 appraisal, brokering, exchange, purchase, rental, or lease of real 31 property, transacting or applying for a real estate loan, or the 32 provision of brokerage services.

33 (((22))) <u>(23)</u> "Real property" includes buildings, structures, 34 dwellings, real estate, lands, tenements, leaseholds, interests in real 35 estate cooperatives, condominiums, and hereditaments, corporeal and 36 incorporeal, or any interest therein.

37 ((((23))) <u>(24)</u> "Respondent" means any person accused in a complaint

1 or amended complaint of an unfair practice in a real estate
2 transaction.

3 (((24))) <u>(25)</u> "Service animal" means an animal that is trained for 4 the purpose of assisting or accommodating a sensory, mental, or 5 physical disability of a person with a disability.

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(((25))) <u>(26)</u> "Sex" means gender.

7 (((26))) <u>(27)</u> "Sexual orientation" means heterosexuality, 8 homosexuality, bisexuality, and gender expression or identity. As used 9 in this definition, "gender expression or identity" means having or 10 being perceived as having a gender identity, self-image, appearance, 11 behavior, or expression, whether or not that gender identity, self-12 image, appearance, behavior, or expression is different from that 13 traditionally associated with the sex assigned to that person at birth.

14 **Sec. 303.** RCW 49.60.100 and 1987 c 505 s 55 are each amended to 15 read as follows:

16 Subject to RCW 40.07.040, the ((commission,)) office each biennium, 17 report to the governor, describing the investigations, shall proceedings, and hearings it has conducted and their outcome, the 18 decisions it has rendered, the recommendations it has issued, and the 19 20 other work performed by it, and shall make such recommendations for 21 further legislation as may appear desirable. The ((commission)) office may present its reports to the legislature; the ((commission's)) 22 23 office's reports shall be made available upon request.

24 **Sec. 304.** RCW 49.60.120 and 2007 c 187 s 5 are each amended to 25 read as follows:

26 The ((commission)) office shall have the functions, powers, and 27 duties:

(1) ((To appoint an executive director and chief examiner, and such investigators, examiners, clerks, and other employees and agents as it may deem necessary, fix their compensation within the limitations provided by law, and prescribe their duties.

32 (2)) To obtain upon request and utilize the services of all
 33 governmental departments and agencies.

34 (((3) To adopt, amend, and rescind suitable rules to carry out the 35 provisions of this chapter, and the policies and practices of the 36 commission in connection therewith.

(4) To receive, impartially investigate, and pass upon complaints
 alleging unfair practices as defined in this chapter.

3 (5)) (2) To issue such publications and results of investigations 4 and research as in its judgment will tend to ((promote good will and)) 5 minimize or eliminate discrimination because of sex, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, age, б 7 honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any 8 sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. 9

10 (((6))) <u>(3)</u> To make such technical studies as are appropriate to 11 effectuate the purposes and policies of this chapter and to publish and 12 distribute the reports of such studies.

13 (((7))) (4) To cooperate and act jointly or by division of labor 14 with the United States or other states, with other Washington state agencies, commissions, and other government entities, and with 15 political subdivisions of the state of Washington and their respective 16 17 human rights agencies to carry out the purposes of this chapter. However, the powers which may be exercised by the ((commission)) office 18 under this subsection permit investigations and complaint dispositions 19 only if the investigations are designed to reveal, or the complaint 20 21 deals only with, allegations which, if proven, would constitute unfair 22 practices under this chapter. The ((commission)) office may perform such services for these agencies and be reimbursed therefor. 23

24 (((8) To foster good relations between minority and majority 25 population groups of the state through seminars, conferences, 26 educational programs, and other intergroup relations activities.))

27 **Sec. 305.** RCW 49.60.150 and 1985 c 185 s 13 are each amended to 28 read as follows:

29 No person shall be excused from attending and testifying or from 30 producing records, correspondence, documents or other evidence in 31 obedience to the subpoena of the ((commission or of any individual member)) office, on the ground that the testimony or evidence required 32 33 of the person may tend to incriminate or subject the person to a 34 penalty or forfeiture, but no person shall be prosecuted or subjected 35 to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, 36 matter or thing concerning which the person is compelled, after having 37 claimed the privilege against self-incrimination, to testify or produce

evidence, except that such person so testifying shall not be exempt
 from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so testifying.
 The immunity herein provided shall extend only to natural persons so
 compelled to testify.

5 **Sec. 306.** RCW 49.60.160 and 1985 c 185 s 14 are each amended to 6 read as follows:

7 In case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to any 8 person, the superior court of any county within the jurisdiction of 9 which the investigation, proceeding, or hearing is carried on or within the jurisdiction of which the person guilty of contumacy or refusal to 10 11 obey is found or resides or transacts business, upon application by the 12 ((commission)) office shall have jurisdiction to issue to such person 13 an order requiring such person to appear before the ((commission, its member)) director or director's designee, agent, or agency, there to 14 produce evidence if so ordered, or there to give testimony touching the 15 16 matter under investigation or in question. Any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof. 17

18 Sec. 307. RCW 49.60.170 and 1985 c 185 s 15 are each amended to 19 read as follows:

20 Witnesses before the ((commission, its member)) office, agent, or 21 agency, shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid witnesses 22 in the courts of this state. Witnesses whose depositions are taken and 23 the person taking the same shall be entitled to same fees as are paid 24 for like services in the courts of the state.

25 **Sec. 308.** RCW 49.60.180 and 2007 c 187 s 9 are each amended to 26 read as follows:

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It is an unfair practice for any employer:

28 (1) To refuse to hire any person because of age, sex, marital 29 status, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, 30 honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any 31 sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, unless based 32 33 upon a bona fide occupational qualification: PROVIDED, That the 34 prohibition against discrimination because of such disability shall not 35 apply if the particular disability prevents the proper performance of

1 the particular worker involved: PROVIDED, That this section shall not 2 be construed to require an employer to establish employment goals or 3 quotas based on sexual orientation.

4 (2) To discharge or bar any person from employment because of age,
5 sex, marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national
6 origin, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the
7 presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of
8 a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability.

(3) To discriminate against any person in compensation or in other 9 10 terms or conditions of employment because of age, sex, marital status, 11 sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, honorably 12 discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, 13 mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or 14 service animal by a person with a disability: PROVIDED, That it shall not be an unfair practice for an employer to segregate washrooms or 15 locker facilities on the basis of sex, or to base other terms and 16 17 conditions of employment on the sex of employees where the 18 ((commission)) office by regulation or ruling in a particular instance 19 has found the employment practice to be appropriate for the practical 20 realization of equality of opportunity between the sexes.

21 (4) To print, or circulate, or cause to be printed or circulated 22 any statement, advertisement, or publication, or to use any form of application for employment, or to make any inquiry in connection with 23 24 prospective employment, which expresses any limitation, specification, or discrimination as to age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, 25 26 race, creed, color, national origin, honorably discharged veteran or 27 military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical 28 disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a 29 person with a disability, or any intent to make any such limitation, 30 specification, or discrimination, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification: PROVIDED, Nothing contained herein shall 31 32 prohibit advertising in a foreign language.

33 **Sec. 309.** RCW 49.60.226 and 1985 c 185 s 20 are each amended to 34 read as follows:

35 The ((commission)) <u>office</u> and units of local government 36 administering ordinances with provisions similar to the real estate 37 provisions of the law against discrimination are authorized and

1 directed to enter into cooperative agreements or arrangements for 2 receiving and processing complaints so that duplication of functions 3 shall be minimized and multiple hearings avoided. No complainant may 4 secure relief from more than one instrumentality of state, or local 5 government, nor shall any relief be granted by any state or local instrumentality if relief has been granted or proceedings are б 7 continuing in any federal agency, court, or instrumentality, unless 8 such proceedings have been deferred pending state action.

9 Sec. 310. RCW 49.60.230 and 2008 c 266 s 7 are each amended to 10 read as follows:

11 (1) Who may file a complaint:

(a) Any person claiming to be aggrieved by an alleged unfair practice may, personally or by his or her attorney, make, sign, and file with the ((commission)) office a complaint in writing under oath or by declaration. The complaint shall state the name of the person alleged to have committed the unfair practice and the particulars thereof, and contain such other information as may be required by the ((commission)) office.

(b) Whenever it has reason to believe that any person has been
 engaged or is engaging in an unfair practice, the ((commission))
 <u>director</u> may issue a complaint.

(c) Any employer or principal whose employees, or agents, or any of them, refuse or threaten to refuse to comply with the provisions of this chapter may file with the commission a written complaint under oath or by declaration asking for assistance by conciliation or other remedial action.

(2) Any complaint filed pursuant to this section must be so filed within six months after the alleged act of discrimination except that complaints alleging an unfair practice in a real estate transaction pursuant to RCW 49.60.222 through 49.60.225 must be so filed within one year after the alleged unfair practice in a real estate transaction has occurred or terminated and a complaint alleging whistleblower retaliation must be filed within two years.

34 **Sec. 311.** RCW 49.60.240 and 2010 c 85 s 1 are each amended to read 35 as follows:

36 (1)(a) Except as provided for in (c) of this subsection, after the

filing of any complaint, the ((chairperson of the commission)) director 1 2 shall refer it to the appropriate ((section of the commission's)) staff for prompt review and evaluation of the complaint. If the facts as 3 4 stated in the complaint do not constitute an unfair practice under this chapter, a finding of no reasonable cause may be made without further 5 investigation. If the facts as stated could constitute an unfair б 7 practice under this chapter, a full investigation and ascertainment of 8 the facts shall be conducted.

9 (b) If the complainant has limitations related to language 10 proficiency or cognitive or other disability, as part of the review and 11 evaluation under (a) of this subsection, the ((commission's)) staff 12 must contact the complainant directly and make appropriate inquiry of 13 the complainant as to the facts of the complaint.

(c) After the filing of a complaint alleging an unfair practice in
a real estate transaction pursuant to RCW 49.60.222 through 49.60.225,
the ((chairperson of the commission)) director shall refer it to the
appropriate ((section of the commission's)) staff for prompt
investigation and ascertainment of the facts alleged in the complaint.

19 (2) The investigation shall be limited to the alleged facts 20 contained in the complaint. The results of the investigation shall be 21 reduced to written findings of fact, and a finding shall be made that 22 there is or that there is not reasonable cause for believing that an 23 unfair practice has been or is being committed. A copy of the findings 24 shall be provided to the complainant and to the person named in such 25 complaint, hereinafter referred to as the respondent.

(3) If the finding is made that there is reasonable cause for believing that an unfair practice has been or is being committed, the ((commission's)) staff shall immediately endeavor to eliminate the unfair practice by conference, conciliation, and persuasion.

30 If an agreement is reached for the elimination of such unfair practice as a result of such conference, conciliation, and persuasion, 31 32 the agreement shall be reduced to writing and signed by the respondent, and an order shall be entered by the ((commission)) director setting 33 forth the terms of said agreement. No order shall be entered by the 34 35 ((commission)) director at this stage of the proceedings except upon 36 such written agreement, except that during the period beginning with 37 the filing of complaints alleging an unfair practice with respect to real estate transactions pursuant to RCW 49.60.222 through 49.60.225, 38

and ending with the filing of a finding of reasonable cause or a 1 2 dismissal by the ((commission)) director, the ((commission)) staff 3 shall, to the extent feasible, engage in conciliation with respect to 4 such complaint. Any conciliation agreement arising out of conciliation 5 efforts by the ((commission)) office shall be an agreement between the respondent and the complainant and shall be subject to the approval of 6 7 the ((commission)) director. Each conciliation agreement shall be made 8 public unless the complainant and respondent otherwise agree and the ((commission)) director determines that disclosure is not required to 9 10 further the purposes of this chapter.

11 If no such agreement can be reached, a finding to that effect shall 12 be made and reduced to writing, with a copy thereof provided to the 13 complainant and the respondent.

(4) 14 The ((commission)) <u>director</u> may adopt rules, including procedural time requirements, for processing complaints alleging an 15 unfair practice with respect to real estate transactions pursuant to 16 17 RCW 49.60.222 through 49.60.225 and which may be consistent with the federal fair housing amendments act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 3601 et 18 seq.), but which in no case shall exceed or be more restrictive than 19 the requirements or standards of such act. 20

21 **Sec. 312.** RCW 49.60.250 and 2008 c 266 s 8 are each amended to 22 read as follows:

23 (1) In case of failure to reach an agreement for the elimination of 24 such unfair practice, and upon the entry of findings to that effect, 25 the entire file, including the complaint and any and all findings made, 26 shall be certified to the ((chairperson of the commission)) office. 27 The ((chairperson of the commission)) director shall thereupon request the appointment of an administrative law judge under Title 34 RCW to 28 29 hear the complaint and shall cause to be issued and served in the name of the ((commission)) office a written notice, together with a copy of 30 31 the complaint, as the same may have been amended, requiring the respondent to answer the charges of the complaint at a hearing before 32 the administrative law judge, at a time and place to be specified in 33 34 such notice.

35 (2) The place of any such hearing may be the office ((of the 36 commission)) or another place designated by it. The case in support of 37 the complaint shall be presented at the hearing by counsel for the

((commission)) office: PROVIDED, That the complainant may retain 1 2 independent counsel and submit testimony and be fully heard. No member or employee of the ((commission)) office who previously made the 3 4 investigation or caused the notice to be issued shall participate in the hearing except as a witness, nor shall the member or employee 5 б participate in the deliberations of the administrative law judge in 7 such case. Any endeavors or negotiations for conciliation shall not be 8 received in evidence.

9 (3) The respondent shall file a written answer to the complaint and 10 appear at the hearing in person or otherwise, with or without counsel, 11 and submit testimony and be fully heard. The respondent has the right 12 to cross-examine the complainant.

13 (4) The administrative law judge conducting any hearing may permit 14 reasonable amendment to any complaint or answer. Testimony taken at 15 the hearing shall be under oath and recorded.

(5) If, upon all the evidence, the administrative law judge finds 16 17 that the respondent has engaged in any unfair practice, the 18 administrative law judge shall state findings of fact and shall issue 19 and file with the ((commission)) director and cause to be served on such respondent an order requiring such respondent to cease and desist 20 21 from such unfair practice and to take such affirmative action, 22 including, (but not limited to) hiring, reinstatement or upgrading of 23 employees, with or without back pay, an admission or restoration to 24 full membership rights in any respondent organization, or to take such 25 other action as, in the judgment of the administrative law judge, will 26 effectuate the purposes of this chapter, including action that could be 27 ordered by a court, except that damages for humiliation and mental suffering shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars, and including a 28 29 requirement for report of the matter on compliance. Relief available 30 for violations of RCW 49.60.222 through 49.60.224 shall be limited to the relief specified in RCW 49.60.225. 31

(6) If a determination is made that retaliatory action, as defined in RCW 42.40.050, has been taken against a whistleblower, as defined in RCW 42.40.020, the administrative law judge may, in addition to any other remedy, require restoration of benefits, back pay, and any increases in compensation that would have occurred, with interest; impose a civil penalty upon the retaliator of up to five thousand dollars; and issue an order to the state employer to suspend the

retaliator for up to thirty days without pay. At a minimum, the 1 2 administrative law judge shall require that a letter of reprimand be 3 placed in the retaliator's personnel file. No agency shall issue any 4 nondisclosure order or policy, execute any nondisclosure agreement, or 5 spend any funds requiring information that is public under the public records act, chapter 42.56 RCW, be kept confidential; except that б 7 nothing in this section shall affect any state or federal law requiring 8 information be kept confidential. All penalties recovered shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the general fund. 9

10 (7) The final order of the administrative law judge shall include 11 a notice to the parties of the right to obtain judicial review of the 12 order by appeal in accordance with the provisions of RCW 34.05.510 13 through 34.05.598, and that such appeal must be served and filed within 14 thirty days after the service of the order on the parties.

15 (8) If, upon all the evidence, the administrative law judge finds 16 that the respondent has not engaged in any alleged unfair practice, the 17 administrative law judge shall state findings of fact and shall 18 similarly issue and file an order dismissing the complaint.

19 (9) An order dismissing a complaint may include an award of 20 reasonable attorneys' fees in favor of the respondent if the 21 administrative law judge concludes that the complaint was frivolous, 22 unreasonable, or groundless.

(10) The ((commission)) <u>director</u> shall establish rules of practice
 to govern, expedite, and effectuate the foregoing procedure.

(11) Instead of filing with the ((commission,)) director a complainant may pursue arbitration conducted by the American arbitration association or another arbitrator mutually agreed by the parties, with the cost of arbitration shared equally by the complainant and the respondent.

30 **Sec. 313.** RCW 49.60.260 and 1995 c 259 s 6 are each amended to 31 read as follows:

(1) The ((commission)) office or any person entitled to relief of a final order may petition the court within the county wherein any unfair practice occurred or wherein any person charged with an unfair practice resides or transacts business for the enforcement of any final order which is not complied with and is issued by the ((commission)) <u>director</u> or an administrative law judge under the provisions of this

1 chapter and for appropriate temporary relief or a restraining order, 2 and shall certify and file in court the final order sought to be 3 enforced. Within five days after filing such petition in court, the 4 commission or any person entitled to relief of a final order shall 5 cause a notice of the petition to be sent by certified mail to all 6 parties or their representatives.

7 (2) If within sixty days after the date the administrative law 8 judge's order concerning an unfair practice in a real estate transaction is entered, no petition has been filed under subsection (1) 9 of this section and the commission has not sought enforcement of the 10 final order under this section, any person entitled to relief under the 11 12 final order may petition for a decree enforcing the order in the 13 superior courts of the state of Washington for the county in which the unfair practice in a real estate transaction under RCW 49.60.222 14 through 49.60.224 is alleged to have occurred. 15

16 (3) From the time the petition is filed, the court shall have 17 jurisdiction of the proceedings and of the questions determined 18 thereon, and shall have the power to grant such temporary relief or 19 restraining order as it deems just and suitable.

(4) If the petition shows that there is a final order issued by the 20 21 ((commission)) director or administrative law judge under RCW 49.60.240 22 or 49.60.250 and that the order has not been complied with in whole or 23 in part, the court shall issue an order directing the person who is 24 alleged to have not complied with the administrative order to appear in 25 court at a time designated in the order, not less than ten days from 26 the date thereof, and show cause why the administrative order should 27 not be enforced according to the terms. The ((commission)) office or any person entitled to relief of any final order shall immediately 28 29 serve the noncomplying party with a copy of the court order and the 30 petition.

31 (5) The administrative order shall be enforced by the court if the 32 person does not appear, or if the person appears and the court finds 33 that:

34 (a) The order is regular on its face;

35 (b) The order has not been complied with; and

36 (c) The person's answer discloses no valid reason why the order 37 should not be enforced, or that the reason given in the person's answer

1 could have been raised by review under RCW 34.05.510 through 34.05.598, 2 and the person has given no valid excuse for failing to use that 3 remedy.

4 (6) The jurisdiction of the court shall be exclusive and its 5 judgment and decree shall be final, except that the same shall be 6 subject to appellate review by the supreme court or the court of 7 appeals, on appeal, by either party, irrespective of the nature of the 8 decree or judgment. The review shall be taken and prosecuted in the 9 same manner and form and with the same effect as is provided in other 10 cases.

11 **Sec. 314.** RCW 49.60.270 and 1985 c 185 s 25 are each amended to 12 read as follows:

13 Any respondent or complainant, including the ((commission)) office, aggrieved by a final order of an administrative law judge may obtain 14 judicial review of such order as provided under the administrative 15 16 procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW. From the time a petition for review 17 is filed, the court has jurisdiction to grant to any party such temporary relief or restraining order as it deems just and suitable. 18 19 If the court affirms the order, it shall enter a judgment and decree 20 enforcing the order as affirmed.

21 **Sec. 315.** RCW 49.60.310 and 1985 c 185 s 26 are each amended to 22 read as follows:

Any person who ((wilfully)) willfully resists, prevents, impedes, or interferes with the ((commission)) office or any of its ((members or representatives)) employees in the performance of duty under this chapter, or who ((wilfully)) willfully violates an order of the ((commission)) director, is guilty of a misdemeanor; but procedure for the review of the order shall not be deemed to be such ((wilful)) willful conduct.

30 **Sec. 316.** RCW 49.60.320 and 1985 c 185 s 27 are each amended to 31 read as follows:

In any case in which the ((commission)) <u>director</u> shall issue an order against any political or civil subdivision of the state, or any agency, or instrumentality of the state or of the foregoing, or any officer or employee thereof, the ((commission)) <u>director</u> shall transmit

a copy of such order to the governor of the state. The governor shall
 take such action to secure compliance with such order as the governor
 deems necessary.

4 **Sec. 317.** RCW 49.60.340 and 1993 c 69 s 13 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

б (1) Any complainant on whose behalf the reasonable cause finding 7 was made, a respondent, or an aggrieved person may, with respect to real estate transactions pursuant to RCW 49.60.222 through 49.60.225, 8 9 elect to have the claims on which reasonable cause was found decided in a civil action under RCW 49.60.030(2) in lieu of a hearing under RCW 10 11 49.60.250. This election must be made not later than twenty days after the service of the reasonable cause finding. The person making such 12 13 election shall give notice of doing so to the commission and to all other complainants and respondents to whom the charge relates. 14 Any reasonable cause finding issued by the commission pursuant to the 15 16 procedures contained in this chapter shall become final twenty days 17 after service of the reasonable cause finding unless a written notice of election is received by the ((commission)) office within the twenty-18 19 day period.

(2) If an election is made under subsection (1) of this section, the ((commission)) director shall authorize not later than thirty days after the election is made, and the attorney general shall commence, a civil action on behalf of the aggrieved person in a superior court of the state of Washington seeking relief under this section.

(3) Any aggrieved person with respect to the issues to be determined in a civil action under this section may intervene as of right in that civil action.

(4) In a civil action under this section, if the court finds that 28 29 an unfair practice in a real estate transaction has occurred or is about to occur, the court may grant any relief that a court could grant 30 31 with respect to such an unfair practice in a real estate transaction in a civil action under RCW 49.60.030(2). If monetary relief is sought 32 for the benefit of an aggrieved person who does not intervene in the 33 34 civil action, the court shall not award such relief if that aggrieved 35 person has not complied with discovery orders entered by the court.

36 (5) In any administrative proceeding under this section where the 37 respondent is the prevailing party, a complainant who intervenes by filing a notice of independent appearance may be liable for reasonable attorneys' fees and costs only to the extent that the intervening participation in the administrative proceeding was frivolous or vexatious, or was for the purpose of harassment.

(6) In any administrative proceeding brought under RCW 49.60.225 or any court proceeding arising therefrom, or any civil action under this section, the administrative law judge or the court in its discretion may allow the prevailing party, other than the ((commission)) office, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

10 **Sec. 318.** RCW 49.60.350 and 1993 c 69 s 2 are each amended to read 11 as follows:

(1) The superior courts of the state of Washington shall have jurisdiction upon petition of the ((commission)) office, through the attorney general, to seek appropriate temporary or preliminary relief to enjoin any unfair practice in violation of RCW 49.60.222 through 49.60.225, from which prompt judicial action is necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

18 (2) The commencement of a civil action under this section does not 19 preclude the initiation or continuation of administrative proceedings 20 under this chapter.

21 **Sec. 319.** RCW 49.60.360 and 1994 c 262 s 17 are each amended to 22 read as follows:

(1) Every person, firm, partnership, association, trustee, or 23 24 corporation which operates a gasoline service station, or other facility which offers gasoline or other motor vehicle fuel for sale to 25 the public from such a facility, shall provide, upon request, refueling 26 27 service to disabled drivers, unaccompanied by passengers capable of 28 safely providing refueling service, of vehicles which display a disabled person's license plate or placard issued by the department of 29 30 licensing. The price charged for the motor vehicle fuel in such a case shall be no greater than that which the facility otherwise would charge 31 the public generally to purchase motor vehicle fuel without refueling 32 33 service. This section does not require a facility to provide disabled 34 drivers with services, including but not limited to checking oil or 35 cleaning windshields, other than refueling services.

36 (2) This section does not apply to:

(a) Exclusive self-service gas stations which have remotely
 controlled gas pumps and which never provide pump island service; and
 (b) Convenience stores which sell gasoline, which have remotely
 controlled gas pumps and which never provide pump island service.

5 (3) Any person who, as a responsible managing individual setting 6 service policy of a station or facility or as an employee acting 7 independently against set service policy, acts in violation of this 8 section is guilty of a misdemeanor. This subsection shall be enforced 9 by the prosecuting attorney.

10 (4) The ((human rights commission)) office shall, upon the filing 11 of a verified written complaint by any person, investigate the actions 12 of any person, firm, partnership, association, trustee, or corporation 13 alleged to have violated this section. The complaint shall be in the 14 form prescribed by the ((commission)) <u>director</u>. The ((commission)) 15 <u>director</u> may, upon ((its)) <u>his or her</u> own motion, issue complaints and 16 conduct investigations of alleged violations of this section.

17 RCW 49.60.240 through 49.60.280 shall apply to complaints under 18 this section.

(5) In addition to those matters referred pursuant to subsection
(3) of this section, the prosecuting attorney may investigate and
prosecute alleged violations of this section.

(6) Any person who intentionally displays a license plate or placard which is invalid, or which was not lawfully issued to that person, for the purpose of obtaining refueling service under subsection (1) of this section shall be subject to a civil fine of one hundred dollars for each such violation.

(7) A notice setting forth the provisions of this section shall be provided by the department of licensing to every person, firm, partnership, association, trustee, or corporation which operates a gasoline service station, or other facility which offers gasoline or other motor vehicle fuel for sale to the public from such a facility.

32 (8) A notice setting forth the provisions of this section shall be
33 provided by the department of licensing to every person who is issued
34 a disabled person's license plate or placard.

35 (9) For the purposes of this section, "refueling service" means the 36 service of pumping motor vehicle fuel into the fuel tank of a motor 37 vehicle. (10) Nothing in this section limits or restricts the rights or
 remedies provided under chapter 49.60 RCW.

3 **Sec. 320.** RCW 49.60.370 and 1997 c 271 s 23 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 (1) A person who negligently or maliciously kills or injures a dog 6 guide or service animal is liable for a penalty of one thousand 7 dollars, to be paid to the user of the animal. The penalty shall be in 8 addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies or penalties, civil 9 or criminal, provided by law.

10 (2) A user or owner of a dog guide or service animal, whose animal 11 is negligently or maliciously injured or killed, is entitled to recover 12 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in pursuing any civil 13 remedy.

14 (3) The ((commission)) office has no duty to investigate any
 15 negligent or malicious acts referred to under this section.

16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 321. (1) The office of civil rights has the 17 power and duty to investigate and resolve complaints filed under 18 chapters 39.19 and 49.60 RCW. The process and procedures in each 19 chapter differ from each other in many respects. In addition, the 20 process and procedures may not represent the best practices for the 21 agency or the public.

(2) The office shall review the investigation and hearing process 22 23 and procedures used in accordance with chapters 39.19 and 49.60 RCW and 24 develop recommendations to the governor as to what procedures should be 25 required for investigations and hearings to accomplish the purpose of 26 each chapter and mission of the agency. The office shall review the procedures used in other civil rights agencies in this state and in 27 The office shall seek input from stakeholders and 28 other states. 29 interested parties. The office shall submit a report to the office of 30 financial management by October 30, 2011. The report shall include any draft legislation needed to accomplish the report's recommendations. 31

32 **Sec. 322.** RCW 2.56.031 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 61 are each 33 amended to read as follows:

The administrator for the courts shall develop a plan to improve the collection and reporting of information on juvenile offenders by

all juvenile courts in the state. The information related to juvenile 1 2 offenders shall include, but is not limited to, social, demographic, 3 education, and economic data on juvenile offenders and where possible, 4 their families. Development and implementation of the plan shall be 5 accomplished in consultation with the ((human rights commission)) office of civil rights, superior court judges, juvenile justice 6 7 administrators, and interested juvenile justice practitioners and 8 The plan shall include a schedule and budget for researchers. 9 implementation and shall be provided to the office of financial 10 management by September 15, 1993.

11 **Sec. 323.** RCW 13.06.050 and 1993 c 415 s 7 are each amended to 12 read as follows:

13 No county shall be entitled to receive any state funds provided by this chapter until its application and plan are approved, and unless 14 and until the minimum standards prescribed by the department of social 15 16 and health services are complied with and then only on such terms as are set forth in this section. In addition, any county making 17 application for state funds under this chapter that also operates a 18 juvenile detention facility must have standards of operations in place 19 20 that include: Intake and admissions, medical and health care, 21 communication, correspondence, visiting and telephone use, security and 22 control, sanitation and hygiene, juvenile rights, rules and discipline, 23 juvenile records, safety and emergency property, procedures, 24 programming, release and transfer, training and staff development, and 25 food service.

26 (1) The distribution of funds to a county or a group of counties 27 shall be based on criteria including but not limited to the county's per capita income, regional or county at-risk populations, juvenile 28 29 crime or arrest rates, rates of poverty, size of racial minority populations, existing programs, and the effectiveness and efficiency of 30 31 consolidating local programs towards reducing commitments to state 32 correctional facilities for offenders whose standard range disposition does not include commitment of the offender to the department and 33 34 reducing reliance on other traditional departmental services.

35 (2) The secretary will reimburse a county upon presentation and 36 approval of a valid claim pursuant to the provisions of this chapter 37 based on actual performance in meeting the terms and conditions of the approved plan and contract. Funds received by participating counties
 under this chapter shall not be used to replace local funds for
 existing programs.

4 (3) The secretary, in conjunction with the ((human rights commission)) office of civil rights, shall evaluate the effectiveness 5 programs funded under this chapter in reducing б of racial 7 disproportionality. The secretary shall investigate whether 8 implementation of such programs has reduced disproportionality in counties with initially high levels of disproportionality. 9 The 10 analysis shall indicate which programs are cost-effective in reducing disproportionality in such areas as alternatives to detention, intake 11 12 and risk assessment standards pursuant to RCW 13.40.038, alternatives 13 to incarceration, and in the prosecution and adjudication of juveniles. 14 The secretary shall report his or her findings to the legislature by 15 December 1, 1994, and December 1 of each year thereafter.

16 **Sec. 324.** RCW 28B.10.912 and 1994 c 105 s 3 are each amended to 17 read as follows:

Each institution of higher education shall ensure that students with disabilities are reasonably accommodated within that institution. The institution of higher education shall provide students with disabilities with the appropriate core service or services necessary to ensure equal access.

23 Core services shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Flexible procedures in the admissions process that use a holistic review of the student's potential, including appropriate consideration in statewide and institutional alternative admissions programs;

28 (2) Early registration or priority registration;

29 (3) Sign language, oral and tactile interpreter services, or other 30 technological alternatives;

31 (4) Textbooks and other educational materials in alternative media, 32 including, but not limited to, large print, braille, electronic format, 33 and audio tape;

34 (5) Provision of readers, notetakers, scribes, and proofreaders35 including recruitment, training, and coordination;

36 (6) Ongoing review and coordination of efforts to improve campus
 37 accessibility, including but not limited to, all aspects of barrier-

1 free design, signage, high-contrast identification of hazards of 2 mobility barriers, maintenance of access during construction, snow and 3 ice clearance, and adequate disability parking for all facilities;

4 (7) Facilitation of physical access including, but not limited to,
5 relocating of classes, activities, and services to accessible
6 facilities and orientation if route of travel needs change, such as at
7 the beginning of a quarter or semester;

8 (8) Access to adaptive equipment including, but not limited to, 9 TDDs, FM communicators, closed caption devices, amplified telephone 10 receivers, closed circuit televisions, low-vision reading aids, 11 player/recorders for 15/16 4-track tapes, photocopy machines able to 12 use eleven-by-seventeen inch paper, brailling devices, and computer 13 enhancements;

14 (9) Referral to appropriate on-campus and off-campus resources,15 services, and agencies;

16 (10) Release of syllabi, study guides, and other appropriate 17 instructor-produced materials in advance of general distribution, and 18 access beyond the regular classroom session to slides, films, overheads 19 and other media and taping of lectures;

20 (11) Accessibility for students with disabilities to tutoring, 21 mentoring, peer counseling, and academic advising that are available on 22 campus;

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(12) Flexibility in test taking arrangements;

(13) Referral to the appropriate entity for diagnostic assessmentand documentation of the disability;

(14) Flexibility in timelines for completion of courses,certification, and degree requirements;

(15) Flexibility in credits required to be taken to satisfyinstitutional eligibility for financial aid; and

30 (16) Notification of the institution of higher education's policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of disability and of steps the 31 student may take if he or she believes discrimination has taken place. 32 This notice shall be included in all formal correspondence that 33 communicates decisions or policies adversely affecting the student's 34 35 status or rights with the institution of higher education. This notice 36 shall include the phone numbers of the United States department of 37 education, the United States office of civil rights, and the Washington state ((human rights commission)) office of civil rights. 38

1 Sec. 325. RCW 28B.10.916 and 2004 c 46 s 1 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

(1) An individual, firm, partnership or corporation that publishes 3 4 or manufactures instructional materials for students attending any public or private institution of higher education in the state of 5 Washington shall provide to the public or private institution of higher б 7 education, for use by students attending the institution, any 8 instructional material in an electronic format mutually agreed upon by the publisher or manufacturer and the public or private institution of 9 higher education. Computer files or electronic versions of printed 10 11 instructional materials shall be provided; video materials must be 12 captioned or accompanied by transcriptions of spoken text; and audio 13 materials must be accompanied by transcriptions. These supplemental 14 materials shall be provided to the public or private institution of higher education at no additional cost and in a timely manner, upon 15 receipt of a written request as provided in subsection (2) of this 16 17 section.

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(2) A written request for supplemental materials must:

(a) Certify that a student with a print access disability attending or registered to attend a public or participating private institution of higher education has purchased the instructional material or the public or private institution of higher education has purchased the instructional material for use by a student with a print access disability;

(b) Certify that the student has a print access disability that substantially prevents him or her from using standard instructional materials;

(c) Certify that the instructional material is for use by the student in connection with a course in which he or she is registered or enrolled at the public or private institution of higher education; and

(d) Be signed by the coordinator of services for students with disabilities at the public or private institution of higher education or by the college or campus official responsible for monitoring compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) at the public or private institution of higher education.

37 (3) An individual, firm, partnership or corporation specified in

subsection (1) of this section may also require that, in addition to 1 2 the requirements in subsection (2) of this section, the request include 3 a statement signed by the student agreeing to both of the following:

4 (a) He or she will use the instructional material provided in specialized format solely for his or her own educational purposes; and 5

б (b) He or she will not copy or duplicate the instructional material 7 provided in specialized format for use by others.

8 (4) If a public or private institution of higher education provides a student with the specialized format version of an instructional 9 10 material, the media must be copy-protected or the public or private 11 institution of higher education shall take other reasonable precautions 12 to ensure that students do not copy or distribute specialized format 13 versions of instructional materials in violation of the Copyright Revisions Act of 1976, as amended (17 U.S.C. Sec. 101 et seq.). 14

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(5) For purposes of this section:

(a) "Instructional material or materials" means textbooks and other 16 17 materials that are required or essential to a student's success in a 18 postsecondary course of study in which a student with a disability is 19 The determination of which materials are "required or enrolled. 20 essential to student success" shall be made by the instructor of the 21 course in consultation with the official making the request in 22 accordance with guidelines issued pursuant to subsection (9) of this 23 The term specifically includes both textual and nontextual section. 24 information.

(b) "Print access disability" means a condition in which a person's 25 26 independent reading of, reading comprehension of, or visual access to materials is limited or reduced due to a sensory, neurological, 27 cognitive, physical, psychiatric, or other disability recognized by 28 29 state or federal law. The term is applicable, but not limited to, 30 persons who are blind, have low vision, or have reading disorders or physical disabilities. 31

(c) "Structural integrity" means all instructional material, 32 including but not limited to the text of the material, sidebars, the 33 table of contents, chapter headings and subheadings, footnotes, 34 35 indexes, glossaries, graphs, charts, illustrations, pictures, 36 equations, formulas, and bibliographies. Structural order of material 37 shall be maintained. Structural elements, such as headings, lists, and tables must be identified using current markup and tools. 38 If good

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faith efforts fail to produce an agreement between the publisher or manufacturer and the public or private institution of higher education, as to an electronic format that will preserve the structural integrity of instructional materials, the publisher or manufacturer shall provide the instructional material in a verified and valid HTML format and shall preserve as much of the structural integrity of the instructional materials as possible.

8 (d) "Specialized format" means Braille, audio, or digital text that 9 is exclusively for use by blind or other persons with print access 10 disabilities.

11 (6) Nothing in this section is to be construed to prohibit a public 12 or private institution of higher education from assisting a student with a print access disability through the use of an electronic version 13 14 instructional material gained through this of section or by 15 transcribing or translating or arranging for the transcription or translation of the instructional material into specialized formats that 16 17 provide persons with print access disabilities the ability to have increased independent access to instructional materials. 18 If such specialized format is made, the public or private institution of higher 19 education may share the specialized format version of the instructional 20 21 material with other students with print access disabilities for whom 22 the public or private institution of higher education is authorized to 23 request electronic versions of instructional material. The addition of 24 captioning to video material by a Washington public or private 25 institution of higher education does not constitute an infringement of 26 copyright.

(7) A specialized format version of instructional materials developed at one public or private institution of higher education in Washington state may be shared for use by a student at another public or private institution of higher education in Washington state for whom the latter public or private institution of higher education is authorized to request electronic versions of instructional material.

33 (8) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize any use of 34 instructional materials that would constitute an infringement of 35 copyright under the Copyright Revision Act of 1976, as amended (17 36 U.S.C. Sec. 101 et seq.).

37 (9) The governing boards of public and participating private38 institutions of higher education in Washington state shall each adopt

1 guidelines consistent with this section for its implementation and 2 administration. At a minimum, the guidelines shall address all of the 3 following:

4 (a) The designation of materials deemed "required or essential to
5 student success";

6 (b) The determination of the availability of technology for the 7 conversion of materials pursuant to subsection (4) of this section and 8 the conversion of mathematics and science materials pursuant to 9 subsection (5)(c) of this section;

10 (c) The procedures and standards relating to distribution of files 11 and materials pursuant to this section;

12 (d) The guidelines shall include procedures for granting exceptions 13 when it is determined that an individual, firm, partnership or 14 corporation that publishes or manufactures instructional materials is 15 not technically able to comply with the requirements of this section; 16 and

(e) Other matters as are deemed necessary or appropriate to carryout the purposes of this section.

(10) A violation of this chapter constitutes an unfair practice under chapter 49.60 RCW, the law against discrimination. All rights and remedies under chapter 49.60 RCW, including the right to file a complaint with the ((human rights commission)) office of civil rights and to bring a civil action, apply.

24 **Sec. 326.** RCW 28B.110.030 and 1989 c 341 s 3 are each amended to 25 read as follows:

26 In consultation with institutions of higher education, the higher education coordinating board shall develop rules and guidelines to 27 eliminate possible gender discrimination to students, including sexual 28 29 harassment, at institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016. The rules and guidelines shall include but not be limited 30 31 to access to academic programs, student employment, counseling and guidance services, financial aid, recreational activities including 32 club sports, and intercollegiate athletics. 33

34 (1) With respect to higher education student employment, all35 institutions shall be required to:

36 (a) Make no differentiation in pay scales on the basis of gender;

(b) Assign duties without regard to gender except where there is a
 bona fide occupational qualification as approved by the Washington
 ((human rights commission)) office of civil rights;

4 (c) Provide the same opportunities for advancement to males and 5 females; and

(d) Make no difference in the conditions of employment on the basis
of gender in areas including, but not limited to, hiring practices,
leaves of absence, and hours of employment.

9 (2) With respect to admission standards, admissions to academic 10 programs shall be made without regard to gender.

(3) Counseling and guidance services for students shall be made available to all students without regard to gender. All academic and counseling personnel shall be required to stress access to all career and vocational opportunities to students without regard to gender.

15 (4) All academic programs shall be available to students without 16 regard to gender.

17 (5) With respect to recreational activities, recreational 18 activities shall be offered to meet the interests of students. 19 Institutions which provide the following shall do so with no disparities based on gender: Equipment and supplies; medical care; 20 21 services and insurance; transportation and per diem allowances; opportunities to receive coaching and instruction; laundry services; 22 23 assignment of game officials; opportunities for competition, publicity, 24 and awards; and scheduling of games and practice times, including use 25 of courts, gyms, and pools. Each institution which provides showers, 26 toilets, lockers, or training room facilities for recreational purposes 27 shall provide comparable facilities for both males and females.

(6) With respect to financial aid, financial aid shall be equitablyawarded by type of aid, with no disparities based on gender.

30 (7) With respect to intercollegiate athletics, institutions that31 provide the following shall do so with no disparities based on gender:

32 (a) Benefits and services including, but not limited to, equipment and supplies; medical services; services and insurance; transportation 33 34 and per diem allowances; opportunities to receive coaching and 35 instruction; scholarships and other forms of financial aid; 36 conditioning programs; laundry services; assignment of game officials; 37 opportunities for competition, publicity, and awards; and scheduling of games and practice times, including use of courts, gyms, and pools. 38

Each institution which provides showers, toilets, lockers, or training
 room facilities for athletic purposes shall provide comparable
 facilities for both males and females.

4 (b) Opportunities to participate in intercollegiate athletics.
5 Institutions shall provide equitable opportunities to male and female
6 students.

7 (c) Male and female coaches and administrators. Institutions shall
8 attempt to provide some coaches and administrators of each gender to
9 act as role models for male and female athletes.

(8) Each institution shall develop and distribute policies andprocedures for handling complaints of sexual harassment.

12 **Sec. 327.** RCW 28B.110.050 and 1989 c 341 s 5 are each amended to 13 read as follows:

A violation of this chapter shall constitute an unfair practice under chapter 49.60 RCW, the law against discrimination. All rights and remedies under chapter 49.60 RCW, including the right to file a complaint with the ((human rights commission)) office of civil rights and to bring a civil action, shall apply.

19 Sec. 328. RCW 34.12.037 and 1985 c 185 s 29 are each amended to 20 read as follows:

21 When requested by the state ((human rights commission)) office of 22 civil rights, the chief administrative law judge shall assign an 23 administrative law judge to conduct proceedings under chapter 49.60 24 RCW.

Sec. 329. RCW 41.06.150 and 2002 c 371 s 906, 2002 c 354 s 203, 26 2002 c 354 s 202, and 2002 c 110 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to 27 read as follows:

The board shall adopt rules, consistent with the purposes and provisions of this chapter, as now or hereafter amended, and with the best standards of personnel administration, regarding the basis and procedures to be followed for:

32 (1) The reduction, dismissal, suspension, or demotion of an 33 employee;

34 (2) Certification of names for vacancies, including departmental35 promotions, with the number of names equal to six more names than there

1 are vacancies to be filled, such names representing applicants rated 2 highest on eligibility lists: PROVIDED, That when other applicants 3 have scores equal to the lowest score among the names certified, their 4 names shall also be certified;

5 (3) Examinations for all positions in the competitive and 6 noncompetitive service;

7 (4) Appointments;

8 (5) Training and career development;

9 (6) Probationary periods of six to twelve months and rejections of 10 probationary employees, depending on the job requirements of the class, 11 except as follows:

12 (a) Entry level state park rangers shall serve a probationary13 period of twelve months;

14 (b) The probationary period of campus police officer appointees who are required to attend the Washington state criminal justice training 15 commission basic law enforcement academy shall extend from the date of 16 17 appointment until twelve months from the date of successful completion 18 of the basic law enforcement academy, or twelve months from the date of 19 appointment if academy training is not required. The board shall adopt rules to ensure that employees promoting to campus police officer who 20 21 are required to attend the Washington state criminal justice training 22 commission basic law enforcement academy shall have the trial service 23 period extend from the date of appointment until twelve months from the 24 date of successful completion of the basic law enforcement academy, or 25 twelve months from the date of appointment if academy training is not 26 required;

27 (7) Transfers;

28 (8) Sick leaves and vacations;

29 (9) Hours of work;

30 (10) Layoffs when necessary and subsequent reemployment, both 31 according to seniority;

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(11) Collective bargaining procedures:

(a) After certification of an exclusive bargaining representative and upon the representative's request, the director shall hold an election among employees in a bargaining unit to determine by a majority whether to require as a condition of employment membership in the certified exclusive bargaining representative on or after the thirtieth day following the beginning of employment or the date of such

election, whichever is the later, and the failure of an employee to 1 2 comply with such a condition of employment constitutes cause for PROVIDED FURTHER, That no more often than once in each 3 dismissal: twelve-month period after expiration of twelve months following the 4 date of the original election in a bargaining unit and upon petition of 5 б thirty percent of the members of a bargaining unit the director shall 7 hold an election to determine whether a majority wish to rescind such 8 condition of employment: PROVIDED FURTHER, That for purposes of this 9 clause, membership in the certified exclusive bargaining representative 10 is satisfied by the payment of monthly or other periodic dues and does not require payment of initiation, reinstatement, or any other fees or 11 12 fines and includes full and complete membership rights: AND PROVIDED 13 FURTHER, That in order to safequard the right of nonassociation of public employees, based on bona fide religious tenets or teachings of 14 a church or religious body of which such public employee is a member, 15 such public employee shall pay to the union, for purposes within the 16 17 program of the union as designated by such employee that would be in harmony with his or her individual conscience, an amount of money 18 19 equivalent to regular union dues minus any included monthly premiums 20 for union-sponsored insurance programs, and such employee shall not be 21 a member of the union but is entitled to all the representation rights 22 of a union member;

(b) Agreements between agencies and certified exclusive bargaining representatives providing for grievance procedures and collective negotiations on all personnel matters over which the appointing authority of the appropriate bargaining unit of such agency may lawfully exercise discretion;

Written agreements may contain provisions for 28 (C) payroll deductions of employee organization dues upon authorization by the 29 30 employee member and for the cancellation of such payroll deduction by the filing of a proper prior notice by the employee with the appointing 31 32 authority and the employee organization: PROVIDED, That nothing 33 contained herein permits or grants to any employee the right to strike or refuse to perform his or her official duties; 34

35 (d) A collective bargaining agreement entered into under this 36 subsection before July 1, 2004, covering employees subject to RCW 37 41.80.001 and 41.80.010 through 41.80.130, that expires after July 1, 38 2004, shall remain in full force during its duration, or until superseded by a collective bargaining agreement entered into by the parties under RCW 41.80.001 and 41.80.010 through 41.80.130. However, an agreement entered into before July 1, 2004, may not be renewed or extended beyond July 1, 2005. This subsection (11) does not apply to collective bargaining negotiations or collective bargaining agreements entered into under RCW 41.80.001 and 41.80.010 through 41.80.130;

7 (12) Adoption and revision of a comprehensive classification plan
8 for all positions in the classified service, based on investigation and
9 analysis of the duties and responsibilities of each such position.

10 (a) The board shall not adopt job classification revisions or class 11 studies unless implementation of the proposed revision or study will 12 result in net cost savings, increased efficiencies, or improved 13 management of personnel or services, and the proposed revision or study 14 has been approved by the director of financial management in accordance 15 with chapter 43.88 RCW.

16 (b) Reclassifications, class studies, and salary adjustments are 17 governed by (a) of this subsection and RCW 41.06.152;

18 (13) Allocation and reallocation of positions within the 19 classification plan;

(14) Adoption and revision of a state salary schedule to reflect 20 21 the prevailing rates in Washington state private industries and other 22 governmental units but the rates in the salary schedules or plans shall 23 increased if necessary to attain comparable worth under be an implementation plan under RCW 41.06.155 and that, for institutions of 24 higher education and related boards, shall be competitive for positions 25 26 of a similar nature in the state or the locality in which an 27 institution of higher education or related board is located, such 28 adoption and revision subject to approval by the director of financial 29 management in accordance with the provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW;

30 (15) Increment increases within the series of steps for each pay 31 grade based on length of service for all employees whose standards of 32 performance are such as to permit them to retain job status in the 33 classified service;

(16) Optional lump sum relocation compensation approved by the agency director, whenever it is reasonably necessary that a person make a domiciliary move in accepting a transfer or other employment with the state. An agency must provide lump sum compensation within existing resources. If the person receiving the relocation payment terminates

or causes termination with the state, for reasons other than layoff, 1 2 disability separation, or other good cause as determined by an agency 3 director, within one year of the date of the employment, the state is 4 entitled to reimbursement of the lump sum compensation from the person; (17) Providing for veteran's preference as required by existing 5 statutes, with recognition of preference in regard to layoffs and 6 7 subsequent reemployment for veterans and their surviving spouses by 8 giving such eligible veterans and their surviving spouses additional credit in computing their seniority by adding to their unbroken state 9 10 service, as defined by the board, the veteran's service in the military 11 not to exceed five years. For the purposes of this section, "veteran" 12 means any person who has one or more years of active military service 13 in any branch of the armed forces of the United States or who has less 14 than one year's service and is discharged with a disability incurred in the line of duty or is discharged at the convenience of the government 15 and who, upon termination of such service has received an honorable 16 17 discharge, a discharge for physical reasons with an honorable record, 18 or a release from active military service with evidence of service

the veteran's length of active military service: PROVIDED FURTHER, That for the purposes of this section "veteran" does not include any person who has voluntarily retired with twenty or more years of active military service and whose military retirement pay is in excess of five hundred dollars per month; (18) Permitting agency heads to delegate the authority to appoint, reduce, dismiss, suspend, or demote employees within their agencies if

other than that for which an undesirable, bad conduct, or dishonorable discharge shall be given: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the surviving spouse

of a veteran is entitled to the benefits of this section regardless of

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such agency heads do not have specific statutory authority to so delegate: PROVIDED, That the board may not authorize such delegation to any position lower than the head of a major subdivision of the agency;

33 (19) Assuring persons who are or have been employed in classified 34 positions before July 1, 1993, will be eligible for employment, 35 reemployment, transfer, and promotion in respect to classified 36 positions covered by this chapter;

37 (20) Affirmative action in appointment, promotion, transfer,

recruitment, training, and career development; development 1 and 2 implementation of affirmative action goals and timetables; and monitoring of progress against those goals and timetables. 3

4 The board shall consult with the ((human rights commission)) office of civil rights in the development of rules pertaining to affirmative 5 action. The department of personnel shall transmit a report annually б to the ((human rights commission)) office of civil rights which states 7 8 the progress each state agency has made in meeting affirmative action goals and timetables. 9

Notwithstanding this section and rules of the board adopted under 10 11 this section, agencies may place employees on temporary unpaid leave 12 during the 2001-2003 fiscal biennium for the purpose of implementing 13 appropriations reductions enacted in the 2002 supplemental appropriations act. Mandatory unpaid leave must be approved by the 14 agency director, and must be, to the greatest extent possible, mutually 15 agreeable to the employee and employer. Employees taking mandatory 16 17 temporary unpaid leave will not lose seniority, leave accrual, or health insurance benefits. 18

19 Sec. 330. RCW 43.01.135 and 2007 c 76 s 2 are each amended to read 20 as follows:

21 Agencies as defined in RCW 41.06.020 shall:

22 (1) Update or develop and disseminate among all agency employees 23 and contractors a policy that:

24 (a) Defines and prohibits sexual harassment in the workplace;

25 (b) Includes procedures that describe how the agency will address 26 concerns of employees who are affected by sexual harassment in the 27 workplace;

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(c) Identifies appropriate sanctions and disciplinary actions; and

29 (d) Complies with guidelines adopted by the director of personnel 30 under RCW 41.06.395;

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(2) Respond promptly and effectively to sexual harassment concerns; 32 (3) Conduct training and education for all employees in order to prevent and eliminate sexual harassment in the organization; 33

34 (4) Inform employees of their right to file a complaint with the 35 Washington ((state human rights commission)) office of civil rights 36 under chapter 49.60 RCW, or with the federal equal employment

1 opportunity commission under Title VII of the civil rights act of 1964; 2 and

3 (5) Report to the department of personnel on compliance with this 4 section.

5 The cost of the training programs shall be borne by state agencies 6 within existing resources.

7 **Sec. 331.** RCW 43.43.340 and 1985 c 365 s 6 are each amended to 8 read as follows:

(1) The names of all officers who have passed examinations 9 satisfactorily shall be placed on an eligible list in the order of the 10 11 grade attained in the examinations. The chief, or the committee 12 mentioned in RCW 43.43.330 at the chief's request, may determine the lowest examination grade which will qualify an officer for inclusion of 13 his or her name on an eligible list. Examination papers shall be 14 graded promptly and an eligible list shall be made up immediately 15 thereafter. All officers taking an examination shall be informed of 16 17 the grade earned.

(2) After an eligible list is made up all promotions shall be made 18 from the five top names on the applicable list, and if needed to comply 19 20 with affirmative action goals three additional names referred under 21 subsection (3) of this section. Not all three additional names need be promoted at the time they are referred and they may be referred more 22 23 than once. Each officer shall be informed in writing as his or her name is included in the top five on an eligible list or referred under 24 25 subsection (3) of this section. No officer whose name appears within 26 the top five on any eligible list shall be passed over for promotion 27 more than three times.

(3) If the vacancy to be filled is identified as part of the state 28 29 patrol's affirmative action goals as established under its affirmative action plan, the chief may refer for consideration up to three 30 31 additional names per vacancy of individuals who are on the eligible 32 list and who are members of one or more of the protected groups under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and chapter 49.60 RCW, or for 33 federal contract compliance purposes, veterans and disabled veterans as 34 35 defined in the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, Title 41 36 C.F.R., chapter 60, part 60-250.

1 The three additional names referred for each vacancy shall be the 2 top three members of the protected groups designated by the chief for 3 referral for that vacancy in accordance with the state patrol's 4 affirmative action goals. These names shall be drawn in rank order 5 from the remaining names of protected group members on the eligible 6 list, after ranking by examination grade. For each vacancy, a total of 7 three supplementary names may be referred.

8 (4) After having qualified for promotion hereunder an officer must 9 pass a medical examination and must be certified as to physical fitness 10 to perform the duties of the advanced position by one of three doctors 11 designated by the chief of the Washington state patrol.

12 (5) The state patrol shall consult with the ((human rights commission)) office of civil rights in the development of rules pertaining to affirmative action. The state patrol shall transmit a report annually to the ((human rights commission)) office of civil rights which states the progress the state patrol has made in meeting affirmative action goals and timetables.

18 sec. 332. RCW 49.44.090 and 1993 c 510 s 24 are each amended to 19 read as follows:

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It shall be an unfair practice:

21 (1) For an employer or licensing agency, because an individual is 22 forty years of age or older, to refuse to hire or employ or license or 23 to bar or to terminate from employment such individual, or to 24 discriminate against such individual in promotion, compensation or in 25 terms, conditions or privileges of employment: PROVIDED, That 26 employers or licensing agencies may establish reasonable minimum and/or 27 maximum age limits with respect to candidates for positions of employment, which positions are of such a nature as to require 28 29 extraordinary physical effort, endurance, condition or training, subject to the approval of the executive director of the Washington 30 state ((human rights commission)) office of civil rights or the 31 32 director of labor and industries through the division of industrial 33 relations.

34 (2) For any employer, licensing agency or employment agency to
 35 print or circulate or cause to be printed or circulated any statement,
 36 advertisement, or publication, or to use any form of application for
 37 employment or to make any inquiry in connection with prospective

employment, which expresses limitation, 1 any specification or 2 discrimination respecting individuals forty years of age or older: PROVIDED, That nothing herein shall forbid a requirement of disclosure 3 4 of birth date upon any form of application for employment or by the production of a birth certificate or other sufficient evidence of the 5 6 applicant's true age after an employee is hired.

7 Nothing contained in this section or in RCW 49.60.180 as to age 8 shall be construed to prevent the termination of the employment of any person who is physically unable to perform his or her duties or to 9 10 affect the retirement policy or system of any employer where such 11 policy or system is not merely a subterfuge to evade the purposes of 12 this section; nor shall anything in this section or in RCW 49.60.180 be deemed to preclude the varying of insurance coverages according to an 13 employee's age; nor shall this section be construed as applying to any 14 15 state, county, or city law enforcement agencies, or as superseding any law fixing or authorizing the establishment of reasonable minimum or 16 17 maximum age limits with respect to candidates for certain positions in 18 employment which are of such a nature public as to require 19 extraordinary physical effort, or which for other reasons warrant consideration of age factors. 20

21 **Sec. 333.** RCW 49.74.010 and 1985 c 365 s 8 are each amended to 22 read as follows:

As used in this chapter, (("commission")) <u>"office"</u> means the Washington state ((human rights commission)) <u>office of civil rights</u>.

25 **Sec. 334.** RCW 49.74.020 and 1993 c 281 s 57 are each amended to 26 read as follows:

If the ((commission)) office reasonably believes that a state 27 28 agency, an institution of higher education, or the state patrol has 29 failed to comply with an affirmative action rule adopted under RCW 41.06.150 or 43.43.340, the ((commission)) office shall notify the 30 31 director of the state agency, president of the institution of higher education, chief of the 32 or Washington state patrol of the 33 noncompliance, as well as the director of personnel. The 34 ((commission)) office shall give the director of the state agency, 35 president of the institution of higher education, or chief of the

Washington state patrol an opportunity to be heard on the failure to
 comply.

3 **Sec. 335.** RCW 49.74.030 and 2002 c 354 s 246 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

The ((commission)) office in conjunction with the department of 5 б personnel or the state patrol, whichever is appropriate, shall attempt 7 to resolve the noncompliance through conciliation. If an agreement is reached for the elimination of noncompliance, the agreement shall be 8 9 reduced to writing and an order shall be issued by the ((commission)) 10 office setting forth the terms of the agreement. The noncomplying 11 state agency, institution of higher education, or state patrol shall 12 make a good faith effort to conciliate and make a full commitment to 13 correct the noncompliance with any action that may be necessary to achieve compliance, provided such action is not inconsistent with the 14 rules adopted under RCW 41.06.150(6) and 43.43.340(5), whichever is 15 16 appropriate.

17 **Sec. 336.** RCW 49.74.040 and 2002 c 354 s 248 are each amended to 18 read as follows:

19 Ιf no agreement can be reached under RCW 49.74.030, the 20 ((commission)) office may refer the matter to the administrative law 21 judge for hearing pursuant to RCW 49.60.250. If the administrative law 22 judge finds that the state agency, institution of higher education, or 23 state patrol has not made a good faith effort to correct the 24 noncompliance, the administrative law judge shall order the state 25 agency, institution of higher education, or state patrol to comply with 26 this chapter. The administrative law judge may order any action that 27 may be necessary to achieve compliance, provided such action is not 28 inconsistent with the rules adopted under RCW 41.06.150(6) and 43.43.340(5), whichever is appropriate. 29

30 An order by the administrative law judge may be appealed to 31 superior court.

32 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 337. The following acts or parts of acts are 33 each repealed:

34 (1) RCW 49.60.050 (Commission created) and 1985 c 185 s 3, 1981 c
338 s 9, 1957 c 37 s 5, & 1955 c 270 s 2;

1 (2) RCW 49.60.051 (Board name changed to Washington State Human 2 Rights Commission) and 1971 ex.s. c 52 s 2; (3) RCW 49.60.060 (Membership of commission) and 1985 c 185 s 4 & 3 4 1955 c 270 s 3; (4) RCW 49.60.070 (Compensation and reimbursement for travel 5 expenses of commission members) and 1985 c 185 s 5, 1984 c 287 s 98, б 7 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 145, & 1955 c 270 s 4; (5) RCW 49.60.080 (Official seal) and 1985 c 185 s 6 & 1955 c 270 8 s 5; 9 10 (6) RCW 49.60.090 (Offices of commission) and 1985 c 185 s 7, 1957 c 37 s 6, & 1955 c 270 s 6; 11 12 (7) RCW 49.60.130 (May create advisory agencies and conciliation 13 councils) and 2007 c 187 s 6, 2006 c 4 s 6, 1997 c 271 s 5, 1993 c 510 14 s 7, 1985 c 185 s 11, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 146, 1973 1st ex.s. c 214 s 5, 1973 c 141 s 8, 1971 ex.s. c 81 s 2, & 1955 c 270 s 9; and 15 16 (8) RCW 49.60.390 (Rule-making authority--Deadline--1997 c 271) and 17 1997 c 271 s 25. 18 PART IV PROGRAM TRANSFERRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS 19 20 Sec. 401. RCW 43.60A.190 and 2008 c 187 s 1 are each amended to 21 read as follows: 22 (1) The ((department)) office shall: 23 (a) Develop and maintain a current list of veteran-owned 24 businesses; and 25 (b) Make the list available on the ((department's)) <u>office's</u> public 26 web site. (2) To qualify as a veteran-owned business, the business must be at 27 least fifty-one percent owned and controlled by: 28 (a) A veteran as defined in RCW 41.04.007; or 29 30 (b) An active or reserve member in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, including the national guard, coast guard, and 31 32 armed forces reserves. (3) To participate in the linked deposit program under chapter 33 34 43.86A RCW, a veteran-owned business qualified under this section must 35 be certified by the ((department)) office as a business:

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(a) In which the veteran owner possesses and exercises sufficient
 expertise specifically in the business's field of operation to make
 decisions governing the long-term direction and the day-to-day
 operations of the business;

5 (b) That is organized for profit and performing a commercially 6 useful function; and

7 (c) That meets the criteria for a small business concern as 8 established under chapter 39.19 RCW.

9 (4) The department <u>of veterans affairs</u>, in <u>consultation with the</u> 10 <u>office</u>, shall create a logo for the purpose of identifying veteran-11 owned businesses to the public. The department <u>of veterans affairs</u> 12 shall put the logo on an adhesive sticker or decal suitable for display 13 in a business window and distribute the stickers or decals to veteran-14 owned businesses listed with the department <u>of veterans affairs</u>.

(5)(a) Businesses may submit an application on a form prescribed by the ((department)) office for inclusion on the list or to apply for certification under this section.

(b) The ((department)) office must notify the state treasurer of veteran-owned businesses that are no longer certified under this section. The written notification to the state treasurer must contain information regarding the reasons for the decertification and information on financing provided to the veteran-owned business under RCW 43.86A.060.

24 (6) The ((department)) office may adopt rules necessary to 25 implement this section.

26 **Sec. 402.** RCW 43.60A.195 and 2010 c 5 s 3 are each amended to read 27 as follows:

28 (((1))) The ((department)) <u>office</u> shall:

29 <u>(1) D</u>evelop a procedure for certifying veteran-owned businesses and 30 maintain a list of veteran-owned businesses on the ((department's)) 31 <u>office's</u> public web site((-

32 (2) The department shall));

<u>(2) A</u>dopt rules necessary to implement chapter 5, Laws of 2010.
 The ((department)) office shall consult agencies to determine what
 specific information they must report to the ((department.

36 (3) The department shall)) office; and

<u>(3)</u> Collaborate with and may assist agencies in implementing
 outreach to veteran-owned businesses.

3 Sec. 403. RCW 43.60A.200 and 2010 c 5 s 4 are each amended to read 4 as follows:

5 (1) State agencies are encouraged to award three percent of all 6 procurement contracts that are exempt from competitive bidding 7 requirements under RCW 43.19.1906(2) to veteran-owned businesses 8 certified by the ((department)) office under RCW 43.60A.195 (as 9 recodified by this act).

10 (2) State agencies shall:

(a) Perform outreach to veteran-owned businesses in collaboration
 with the ((department)) office to increase opportunities for veteran owned businesses to sell goods and services to the state; and

14 (b) Work to match agency procurement records with the 15 ((department's)) office's database of certified veteran-owned 16 businesses to establish how many procurement contracts are being 17 awarded to those businesses.

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PART V

COMMISSION ON EQUITY AND ACCESS CREATED

20 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 501. A new section is added to chapter 39.19 21 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The commission on equity and access is created within the office of civil rights. The commission shall be composed of nine members appointed by the governor. In making appointments, the governor should consider nominations for membership based upon maintaining a balanced distribution of ethnicities, geographic, sex, age and occupational representation, when practicable.

(2) Members shall be appointed to serve three-year terms. Of the initial members, three must be appointed for a one-year term, three must be appointed for a two-year term, and three must be appointed for a three-year term. Thereafter, members must be appointed for a threeyear term. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. In the case of a vacancy, the governor shall appoint a new member to serve out the term of the person whose position has become vacant. <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 502. A new section is added to chapter 39.19
 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) The commission shall annually elect a chair and a vice chair4 from its members.

5 (2) The commission may hold one meeting each calendar quarter. 6 Meetings shall comply with chapter 42.30 RCW. A majority of the 7 commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 503. A new section is added to chapter 39.19 9 RCW to read as follows:

10 The commission shall have the following duties and 11 responsibilities:

(1) The commission shall advise the office and state agencies on the development and implementation of policies, plans, and programs focusing on the issues affecting those communities that, for economic, social, cultural, and historical reasons, find themselves disadvantaged or isolated from the benefits of equal opportunity in this state.

(2) The commission may establish subcommittees to study, review, provide information, and give advice on specific issues including, but not limited to, the achievement gap, supplier diversity, access to government services, and systemic policy issues affecting those communities that, for economic, social, cultural, and historical reasons, find themselves disadvantaged or isolated from the benefits of equal opportunity in this state.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 504. The following acts or parts of acts are 25 each repealed: 26 (1) RCW 43.113.005 (Legislative declaration) and 1992 c 96 s 1; (2) RCW 43.113.010 (Commission created) and 1992 c 96 s 2; 27 (3) RCW 43.113.020 (Membership--Terms--Vacancies--Quorum--Expenses) 28 and 1992 c 96 s 3; 29 (4) RCW 43.113.030 (Powers and duties) and 1992 c 96 s 4; 30 (5) RCW 43.115.010 (Legislative declaration) and 1993 c 261 s 1, 31 1987 c 249 s 1, & 1971 ex.s. c 34 s 1; 32 33 (6) RCW 43.115.020 (Commission created) and 1987 c 249 s 2 & 1971 34 ex.s. c 34 s 2; 35 (7) RCW 43.115.030 (Membership--Terms--Vacancies--Travel expenses--

Quorum) and 1993 c 261 s 2, 1987 c 249 s 3, 1981 c 338 s 15, 1975-'76 1 2 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 130, & 1971 ex.s. c 34 s 3; (8) RCW 43.115.040 (Officers and employees--Rules and regulations) 3 4 and 2009 c 549 s 5170, 1993 c 261 s 3, 1987 c 249 s 4, & 1971 ex.s. c 5 34 s 4; (9) RCW 43.115.045 (Executive director) and 1993 c 261 s 4; б 7 (10) RCW 43.115.060 (Relationships with local government and 8 private industry) and 1987 c 249 s 6 & 1971 ex.s. c 34 s 6; (11) RCW 43.115.900 (Severability--1971 ex.s. c 34) and 1971 ex.s. 9 10 c 34 s 7; (12) RCW 43.117.010 (Legislative declaration) and 2000 c 236 s 1, 11 12 1995 c 67 s 2, 1983 c 119 s 1, & 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 1; 13 (13) RCW 43.117.020 (Definitions) and 1995 c 67 s 3 & 1974 ex.s. c 14 140 s 2; (14) RCW 43.117.030 (Commission established) and 1995 c 67 s 4 & 15 16 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 3; 17 (15) RCW 43.117.040 (Membership--Terms--Vacancies--Travel expenses--Quorum--Executive director) and 2009 c 549 s 5171, 1982 c 68 18 19 s 1, 1981 c 338 s 16, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 131, & 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 4; 20 21 (16) RCW 43.117.050 (Officers--Rules and regulations--Meetings) and 22 2009 c 549 s 5172 & 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 5; 23 (17) RCW 43.117.060 (Staff) and 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 6; 24 (18) RCW 43.117.070 (Duties of commission--State agencies to give assistance) and 2007 c 19 s 3, 2000 c 236 s 3, 1995 c 67 s 5, & 1974 25 26 ex.s. c 140 s 7; 27 (19) RCW 43.117.080 (Promotion of equal opportunity and benefits) and 1995 c 67 s 6 & 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 8; 28 29 (20) RCW 43.117.090 (Hearings--Information to be furnished to 30 commission) and 2009 c 549 s 5173 & 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 9; (21) RCW 43.117.100 (Gifts, grants and endowments--Receipt and 31 32 expenditure) and 1974 ex.s. c 140 s 10; and (22) RCW 43.117.900 (Severability--1974 ex.s. c 140) and 1974 ex.s. 33 c 140 s 11. 34

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PART VI

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TRANSFER OF POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 601. (1) All powers, duties, and functions of the human rights commission are transferred to the office of civil rights. All references to the director of the human rights commission in the Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the director of the office of civil rights when referring to the functions transferred in this section.

7 (2) All powers, duties, and functions of the office of minority and 8 women's business enterprises are transferred to the office of civil 9 rights. All references to the director of the office of minority and 10 women's business enterprises in the Revised Code of Washington shall be 11 construed to mean the director of the office of civil rights when 12 referring to the functions transferred in this section.

13 (3) All powers, duties, and functions of the commission on African-American affairs, commission on Asian Pacific American affairs, and 14 commission on Hispanic affairs are transferred to the office of civil 15 rights. All references to the executive director of the commission on 16 African-American affairs, executive director of the commission on Asian 17 Pacific American affairs, and executive director of the commission on 18 19 Hispanic affairs in the Revised Code of Washington shall be construed to mean the director of the office of civil rights when referring to 20 21 the functions transferred in this section.

22 Sec. 602. (1) All reports, documents, surveys, NEW SECTION. books, records, files, papers, or written material in the possession of 23 24 the human rights commission pertaining to the powers, functions, and 25 duties transferred in section 601 of this act shall be delivered to the 26 custody of the office of civil rights. All cabinets, furniture, office equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible property employed by the 27 28 human rights commission in carrying out the powers, functions, and 29 duties transferred shall be made available to the office of civil rights. All funds, credits, or other assets held in connection with 30 31 the powers, functions, and duties transferred shall be assigned to the 32 office of civil rights.

33 (2) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files, papers, 34 or written material in the possession of the office of minority and 35 women's business enterprises pertaining to the powers, functions, and 36 duties transferred in section 601 of this act shall be delivered to the 37 custody of the office of civil rights. All cabinets, furniture, office

equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible property employed by the office of minority and women's business enterprises in carrying out the powers, functions, and duties transferred shall be made available to the office of civil rights. All funds, credits, or other assets held in connection with the powers, functions, and duties transferred shall be assigned to the office of civil rights.

7 (3) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files, papers, 8 or written material in the possession of the commission on African-American affairs, commission on Asian Pacific American affairs, and 9 commission on Hispanic affairs pertaining to the powers, functions, and 10 11 duties transferred in section 601 of this act shall be delivered to the 12 custody of the office of civil rights. All cabinets, furniture, office 13 equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible property employed by the commission on African-American affairs, commission on Asian Pacific 14 15 American affairs, and commission on Hispanic affairs in carrying out the powers, functions, and duties transferred shall be made available 16 17 to the office of civil rights. All funds, credits, or other assets held in connection with the powers, functions, and duties transferred 18 19 shall be assigned to the office of civil rights.

20 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 603. (1) Any appropriations made to the human 21 rights commission for carrying out the powers, functions, and duties 22 transferred in section 601 of this act shall, on the effective date of 23 this section, be transferred and credited to the office of civil 24 rights.

(2) Any appropriations made to the office of minority and women's business enterprises for carrying out the powers, functions, and duties transferred in section 601 of this act shall, on the effective date of this section, be transferred and credited to the office of civil rights.

30 (3) Any appropriations made to the commission on African-American 31 affairs, commission on Asian Pacific American affairs, and commission 32 on Hispanic affairs for carrying out the powers, functions, and duties 33 transferred in section 601 of this act shall, on the effective date of 34 this section, be transferred and credited to the office of civil 35 rights.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 604. (1) All employees of the human rights 1 commission are transferred to the jurisdiction of the office of civil 2 rights. All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state 3 4 civil service law, are assigned to the office of civil rights to 5 perform their usual duties upon the same terms as formerly, without any loss of rights, subject to any action that may be appropriate 6 7 thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing state civil service law. 8

9 (2) The existing bargaining unit of the employees at the human 10 rights commission shall be transferred in its entirety to the office of civil rights without the merging of other bargaining units or the 11 12 inclusion of employees from other bargaining units. Nothing contained 13 in this section may be construed to alter any of the existing collective bargaining units unless and until the bargaining unit has 14 been modified by action of the public employment relations commission 15 as provided by law. Therefore, the certification of the existing 16 bargaining units shall remain. However, the public employment 17 relations commission may, upon request, amend the certification to 18 19 reflect the name of the new agency. Nothing in this section may be construed to alter the provisions of any existing collective bargaining 20 21 agreement until the agreement has expired. The existing bargaining 22 units of employees transferred under this section shall continue to be 23 subject to the provisions of chapter 41.80 RCW.

Sec. 605. (1) All employees of the office of 24 NEW SECTION. 25 minority and women's business enterprises are transferred to the 26 jurisdiction of the office of civil rights. All employees classified 27 under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, are assigned to the office of civil rights to perform their usual duties upon the same 28 29 terms as formerly, without any loss of rights, subject to any action that may be appropriate thereafter in accordance with the laws and 30 31 rules governing state civil service law.

(2) The existing bargaining units of the employees at the office of minority and women's business enterprises shall be transferred in their entirety to the office of civil rights without the merging of other bargaining units or the inclusion of employees from other bargaining units. Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any of the existing collective bargaining units unless and until the

bargaining unit has been modified by action of the public employment 1 2 relations commission as provided by law. Therefore, the certification 3 of the existing bargaining units shall remain. However, the public 4 employment relations commission may, upon request, amend the certification to reflect the name of the new agency. Nothing in this 5 section may be construed to alter the provisions of any existing 6 7 collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has expired. The 8 existing bargaining units of employees transferred under this section 9 shall continue to be subject to the provisions of chapter 41.80 RCW.

10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 606. (1) All employees of the commission on 11 African-American affairs are transferred to the jurisdiction of the 12 office of civil rights. All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, are assigned to the office of civil 13 rights to perform their usual duties upon the same terms as formerly, 14 without any loss of rights, subject to any action that may be 15 appropriate thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing 16 17 state civil service law.

(2) All employees of the commission on Asian Pacific American 18 affairs are transferred to the jurisdiction of the office of civil 19 20 rights. All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state 21 civil service law, are assigned to the office of civil rights to 22 perform their usual duties upon the same terms as formerly, without any 23 loss of rights, subject to any action that may be appropriate 24 thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing state civil 25 service law.

(3) All employees of the commission on Hispanic affairs are transferred to the jurisdiction of the office of civil rights. All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, are assigned to the office of civil rights to perform their usual duties upon the same terms as formerly, without any loss of rights, subject to any action that may be appropriate thereafter in accordance with the law.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 607. (1)(a) All rules and all pending business
 before the human rights commission pertaining to the powers, functions,
 and duties transferred in section 601 of this act shall be continued

1 and acted upon by the office of civil rights. All existing contracts 2 and obligations shall remain in full force and shall be performed by 3 the office of civil rights.

4 (b) All rules and all pending business before the office of 5 minority and women's business enterprises pertaining to the powers, 6 functions, and duties transferred in section 601 of this act shall be 7 continued and acted upon by the office of civil rights. All existing 8 contracts and obligations shall remain in full force and shall be 9 performed by the office of civil rights.

10 (c) All rules and all pending business before the commission on 11 African-American affairs, commission on Asian Pacific American affairs, 12 and commission on Hispanic affairs pertaining to the powers, functions, 13 and duties transferred in section 601 of this act shall be continued 14 and acted upon by the office of civil rights. All existing contracts 15 and obligations shall remain in full force and shall be performed by 16 the office of civil rights.

(2) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of the human rights commission, office of minority and women's business enterprises, the commission on African-American affairs, commission on Asian Pacific American affairs, and commission on Hispanic affairs shall not affect the validity of any act performed before the effective date of this section.

(3) Whenever any question arises as to the transfer of any personnel, funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties and functions transferred, the director of financial management shall make a determination as to the proper allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

(4) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the transfers directed by this act, the director of financial management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected, the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

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PART VII

MISCELLANEOUS

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 701. Sections 601 through 607 of this act are
 each added to chapter 39.19 RCW.

3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 702. RCW 43.60A.190, 43.60A.195, and 43.60A.200
 4 are each recodified as sections in chapter 39.19 RCW.

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 703. Section 107 of this act takes effect 6 January 1, 2012.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 704. Section 106 of this act expires January 1,
2012.

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 705. Section 217 of this act expires June 30, 10 2039.

11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 706. If any provision of this act or its 12 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the 13 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other 14 persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 707. With the exception of section 107 of this act, this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2011.

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