Brief Description: Correcting a double amendment related to freedom from discrimination.

SPONSORS: Representatives Appelwick and Padden; by request of Law Revision Commission

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass.
Signed by Senators A. Smith, Chairman; Ludwig, Vice Chairman; Nelson, Quigley, Roach and Schow.

Staff: Martin Lovinger (786-7443)

Hearing Dates: February 16, 1994

BACKGROUND:

Sometimes separate bills in a legislative session amend the same section of existing law, each without incorporating the changes made by the other. If two such bills become law, a so-called "double amendment" is created.

Sometimes the amendments may be administratively merged by the Code Reviser's office because the language changes in the two bills fit together without necessity of any further editing. In other instances, some additional adjustment in language may be necessary to combine the two enactments, or it may be found that the policy substance of the two enactments are simply inconsistent. The Law Revision Commission reviews double amendments for reconciliation.

In 1993, two bills amended RCW 49.60.030 dealing with freedom from discrimination. HB 1476 made technical changes to the section and prohibited discrimination in real estate against families with children. SB 5474 made technical changes to the section, prohibited discrimination based on the use of a guide or service dog, and made violations of the discrimination law subject to the Consumer Protection Act.

The Law Revision Commission has recommended the merging of the double amendments to RCW 49.60.030.

SUMMARY:

The 1993 double amendments to RCW 49.60.030 are merged.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

The bill corrects a double amendment.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Professor Marjorie Rombauer, Washington Law Revision Commission (pro)