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HOUSE BILL 1636

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By Representatives Ballasiotes, Costa, Tokuda, Keiser, Ogden and Blalock

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1 AN ACT Relating to the crime of harassment; and amending RCW  
2 9A.46.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.46.020 and 1992 c 186 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of harassment if:

7 (a) Without lawful authority, the person knowingly threatens:

8 (i) To cause bodily injury immediately or in the future to the  
9 person threatened or to any other person; or

10 (ii) To cause physical damage to the property of a person other  
11 than the actor; or

12 (iii) To subject the person threatened or any other person to  
13 physical confinement or restraint; or

14 (iv) Maliciously to do any other act which is intended to  
15 substantially harm the person threatened or another with respect to his  
16 or her physical or mental health or safety; and

17 (b) The person by words or conduct places the person threatened in  
18 reasonable fear that the threat will be carried out.

1           (2) A person who harasses another is guilty of a gross misdemeanor  
2 punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW, except that the person is guilty of  
3 a class C felony if either of the following applies: (a) The person  
4 has previously been convicted in this or any other state of any crime  
5 of harassment, as defined in RCW 9A.46.060, of the same victim or  
6 members of the victim's family or household or any person specifically  
7 named in a no-contact or no-harassment order; or (b) the person  
8 harasses another person under subsection (1)(a)(i) of this section by  
9 threatening to kill the person threatened or any other person.

10           (3) The penalties provided in this section for harassment do not  
11 preclude the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise available  
12 under law.

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