

5400-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens, Zarelli and Schow)

Brief Title: Reaffirming and protecting the institution of marriage.

**SB 5400-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares a compelling interest of the state of Washington to reaffirm its historical commitment to the institution of marriage as a union between a man and a woman as husband and wife and to protect that institution.

Declares same-sex marriages will not be recognized in Washington, even if they are made legal in other states.

Requires approval by a vote of the people at the next general election.