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Brief Title: Making victim advocates communications with victims of domestic violence privileged communications.

**HB 1296 - DIGEST**

Declares that a victim advocate may not, without the consent of the victim of domestic violence as defined in chapter 26.50 RCW, be examined as to any communication made by the victim to him or her in official confidence.

Provides that, for purposes of this act, "victim advocate" includes any person working or volunteering for a recognized victim advocacy group or a prosecutor-based or law enforcement-based agency on behalf of victims or witnesses.