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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Heavey and Kline)

Brief Title: Creating the civil rights act of 1999.

**SB 5629-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that every governmental entity that, under color of a statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, subjects or causes to be subjected, a citizen, inhabitant, or domiciliary of the state of Washington to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution of the state of Washington, is liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for the redress.

Provides that a person deeming himself or herself injured by any act in violation of this chapter may recover all damages sustained including, but not limited to, damages or remedies made available under the Civil Rights Act of 1871 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1983).

Provides that, in an action or proceeding to enforce a provision of this chapter, the prevailing party may recover any and all attorneys' fees and costs for any act in violation of this chapter, including but not limited to expert witness fees, to the same extent recoverable under RCW 49.60.030(2).