

1 **SHB 1663** - H AMD

2 By Representative Morell

3 On page 4, after line 31, insert:

4 "(n) The current offense involved knowingly and maliciously making
5 a false statement punishable under RCW 9A.76.175 accusing another
6 person of committing an offense because of the person's perception of
7 the alleged victim's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin,
8 gender, sexual orientation, or mental, physical, or sensory handicap."

EFFECT: Adds knowingly and maliciously making a false statement accusing another person of committing a hate crime to the list of aggravating circumstances a court may consider when imposing an exceptional sentence.