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Sponsor(s): Representatives Buck, Pearson, Schoesler, Benson, Sump, Delvin, Ahern, Ballasiotes, Mulliken, Campbell, Holmquist, Anderson, Alexander and Armstrong

Brief Description: Creating the antiterrorism crime act of 2002.

HB 2293 - DIGEST

Finds that acts of terrorism such as those that struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and other such horrific acts committed both here and around the world are intended to demoralize and destabilize a society. Such evil is designed to kill and maim and strike terror into the hearts of innocent people and destroy public or private property. Such brutality and evil cannot be tolerated in any civilized society.

Finds that one of the most essential services government provides is public safety and one of its highest priorities is ensuring the security of its citizens. It is critical that we have laws that are strong enough that ensure that terrorists who commit such atrocities are expeditiously apprehended and prosecuted to the fullest extent commensurate with their despicable deeds.

Declares an intent by this act to ensure that those who commit terrorist acts against persons or property, public or private, and those that assist them, will be severely punished.

Repeals RCW 9.61.160, 9.61.170, 9.61.180, 70.74.270, 70.74.272, 70.74.275, 70.74.280, and 70.74.285.