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Brief Description: Requiring use of respectful language in the Revised Code of Washington regarding individuals with disabilities.

HB 2663 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds it necessary to clarify preferred language for new and revised laws by requiring the use of terminology that puts the person before the disability.

Directs the code reviser to avoid all references to: Disabled, developmentally disabled, mentally disabled, mentally ill, mentally retarded, handicapped, cripple, and crippled, in any new statute, memorial, or resolution, and to change such references in any existing statute, memorial, or resolution as sections including these references are otherwise amended by law.

Directs the code reviser to replace terms referenced in this act as appropriate with the following revised terminology: "Individuals with disabilities," "individuals with developmental disabilities," "individuals with mental illness," and "individuals with mental retardation."

Declares that no statute, memorial, or resolution is invalid because it does not comply with this act.

Requires all agency orders creating new rules, or amending existing rules, to be formulated in accordance with the requirements of this act regarding the use of respectful language.

Declares that no agency rule is invalid because it does not comply with this act.