

ESSB 5499 - H AMD TO H AMD (5499-S.E AMH HUNS REIL 151)

By Representative _____

1 On page 8 of the striking amendment, after line 25, insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter
4 29A.60 RCW to read as follows:

5 If inspection of the ballot reveals a physically damaged ballot
6 or ballot that may be otherwise unreadable or uncountable by the
7 tabulating system, the county auditor may refer the ballot to the
8 county canvassing board or duplicate the ballot if so authorized by
9 the county canvassing board. A ballot may be duplicated only if
10 the intent of the voter's marks on the ballot is clear and the
11 electronic voting equipment might not otherwise properly tally the
12 ballot to reflect the intent of the voter. Ballots must be
13 duplicated by teams of two or more people working together. When
14 duplicating ballots, the county auditor shall take the following
15 steps to create and maintain an audit trail of the action taken:

16 (1) Each original ballot and duplicate ballot must be assigned
17 the same unique control number, with the number being marked upon
18 the face of each ballot, to ensure that each duplicate ballot may
19 be tied back to the original ballot;

20 (2) A log must be kept of the ballots duplicated, which must at
21 least include:

22 (a) The control number of each original ballot and the
23 corresponding duplicate ballot;

24 (b) The initials of at least two people who participated in the
25 duplication of each ballot; and

26 (c) The total number of ballots duplicated.

27 Original and duplicate ballots must be sealed in secure storage
28 at all times, except during duplication, inspection by the
29 canvassing board, or tabulation."

- 1 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
- 2 references accordingly.

EFFECT: Ballots may be duplicated if they are physically
damaged or unreadable or uncountable by the tabulating system.