

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1296**

59th Legislature  
2005 Regular Session

Passed by the House February 25, 2005  
Yeas 95 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Yeas 41 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1296** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Lovick, Flannigan, Williams, Priest and Serben

Read first time 01/20/2005. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1            AN ACT Relating to jurisdiction for antiharassment protection  
2 orders; and amending RCW 10.14.150 and 10.14.160.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.14.150 and 1999 c 170 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The district courts shall have jurisdiction and cognizance of  
7 any civil actions and proceedings brought under this chapter, except  
8 the district court shall transfer such actions and proceedings to the  
9 superior court when it is shown that the respondent to the petition is  
10 under eighteen years of age.

11            (2) Municipal courts may exercise jurisdiction and cognizance of  
12 any civil actions and proceedings brought under this chapter by  
13 adoption of local court rule, except the municipal court shall transfer  
14 such actions and proceedings to the superior court when it is shown  
15 that the respondent to the petition is under eighteen years of age.

16            (3) Superior courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction to receive  
17 transfer of antiharassment petitions in cases where a district or  
18 municipal court judge makes findings of fact and conclusions of law

1 showing that meritorious reasons exist for the transfer. The municipal  
2 and district courts shall have jurisdiction and cognizance of any  
3 criminal actions brought under RCW 10.14.120 and 10.14.170.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 10.14.160 and 1992 c 127 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter an action may be brought in:

7 (1) The judicial district of the county in which the alleged acts  
8 of unlawful harassment occurred;

9 (2) The judicial district of the county where any respondent  
10 resides at the time the petition is filed; (~~or~~)

11 (3) The judicial district of the county where a respondent may be  
12 served if it is the same county or judicial district where a respondent  
13 resides;

14 (4) The municipality in which the alleged acts of unlawful  
15 harassment occurred;

16 (5) The municipality where any respondent resides at the time the  
17 petition is filed; or

18 (6) The municipality where a respondent may be served if it is the  
19 same county or judicial district where a respondent resides.

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