

2SHB 3104 - H AMD 1075

By Representative Warnick

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1 On page 2, after line 14, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** The legislature has declared that
3 this state has a compelling state interest in reaffirming its
4 historical commitment to the institution of marriage as a union
5 between a man and a woman as husband and wife and in protecting
6 that institution. The legislature has further declared its intent
7 to establish public policy against same-sex marriage in statutory
8 law that clearly and definitively declares same-sex marriages will
9 not be recognized in Washington, even if they are made legal in
10 other states. The legislature has enacted statutory law that
11 prohibits marriages when the parties are persons other than a male
12 and a female and provides that marriages between two persons other
13 than a male and a female that are recognized as valid in another
14 jurisdiction are not valid in this state. This act shall not be
15 construed to endorse any specific belief, practice, behavior, or
16 orientation. Nothing in chapter 26.60 RCW or chapter 156, Laws of
17 2007 or this act is intended to or shall be construed to promote or
18 endorse same-sex marriage or to modify or supersede state law
19 related to marriage."

20 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct any
21 internal references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Adds an intent section specifying the state has a compelling interest in reaffirming its commitment to the institution of marriage, and providing that nothing in the act is intended to promote or endorse any specific belief, practice or behavior, or to endorse same-sex marriage or modify state marriage laws.