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and Kenney

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1            AN ACT Relating to polygraph examinations of sexual assault  
2 victims; and adding a new section to chapter 10.58 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 10.58 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            A law enforcement officer, prosecuting attorney, or other  
7 government official may not ask or require a victim of an alleged sex  
8 offense to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth telling  
9 device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of the  
10 offense. The refusal of a victim to submit to a polygraph examination  
11 or other truth telling device shall not prevent the investigation,  
12 charging, or prosecution of the offense. For the purposes of this  
13 section, "sex offense" is any offense under chapter 9A.44 RCW.

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