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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** While Article I, section 22 of the state  
4 Constitution and the sixth amendment of the United States Constitution  
5 protect the right of a defendant to represent him or herself in a  
6 criminal trial, Article I, section 35 of the state Constitution  
7 requires that crime victims be accorded due dignity and respect.  
8 Conflicts may arise between these constitutional provisions when a pro  
9 se defendant questions a victim in court. Procedures may be employed  
10 that preserve the pro se defendant's control over his or her own trial  
11 and that limit the trauma experienced by the victim. The legislature  
12 commends consideration of these competing constitutional provisions to  
13 the supreme court of Washington."

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14 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "offenses;" strike the  
15 remainder of the title and insert "and creating a new section."

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