
SENATE BILL 5982

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1 AN ACT Relating to violations of Washington's law against
2 discrimination; and adding a new section to chapter 49.60 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 49.60 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Where an impermissible motive is an element of a claim under this
7 chapter, a violation is established where the complaining party
8 demonstrates that the impermissible motive was a substantial factor,
9 not that it was the only factor or the main factor, or that the
10 complaining party would not have been subject to the treatment absent
11 the impermissible motive. It is not a defense to liability or relief
12 that the complaining party would have been subject to the same
13 treatment absent the impermissible motive.

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