

**RCW 49.60.020 Construction of chapter—Election of other remedies.** The provisions of this chapter shall be construed liberally for the accomplishment of the purposes thereof. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be deemed to repeal any of the provisions of any other law of this state relating to discrimination because of race, color, creed, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, other than a law which purports to require or permit doing any act which is an unfair practice under this chapter. However, to the extent that distinction or differential treatment on the basis of citizenship or immigration status is authorized by federal or state law, regulation, or government contract, it is not an unfair practice. Nor shall anything herein contained be construed to deny the right to any person to institute any action or pursue any civil or criminal remedy based upon an alleged violation of his or her civil rights. This chapter shall not be construed to endorse any specific belief, practice, behavior, or orientation. Inclusion of sexual orientation in this chapter shall not be construed to modify or supersede state law relating to marriage. [2020 c 52 s 2; 2007 c 187 s 2; 2006 c 4 s 2; 1993 c 510 s 2; 1973 1st ex.s. c 214 s 2; 1973 c 141 s 2; 1957 c 37 s 2; 1949 c 183 s 12; Rem. Supp. 1949 s 7614-30.]

**Severability—1993 c 510:** See note following RCW 49.60.010.