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**House Bill 4026
Sponsor: Rep. Clark Bisbee
Committee: Judiciary**

Complete to 2-3-03

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4026 AS INTRODUCED 1-28-03

The bill would amend the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to add definitions of “marital status” and “cohabiting” that would prohibit civil rights protections under the act for unmarried people who lived together “as husband and wife.” The bill would define “cohabiting” to mean “living together as husband and wife without being lawfully married,” and “marital status” to mean “being lawfully married” or “being unmarried and not cohabiting with another person.”

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