

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5039

As Passed House - Amended:

April 4, 1995

Title: An act relating to luring.

Brief Description: Clarifying the elements of the crime of luring.

Sponsors: Senator Fairley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Law & Justice: 3/17/95, 3/21/95 [DPA].

Floor Activity:

Amended.

Passed House: 4/4/95, 96-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 16 members: Representatives Padden, Chairman; Hickel, Vice Chairman; Appelwick, Ranking Minority Member; Costa, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Campbell; Carrell; Chappell; Cody; Lambert; McMahan; Morris; Robertson; Sheahan; Smith; Thibaudeau and Veloria.

Staff: Pat Shelledy (786-7149).

Background: The crime of luring is committed if, without the parent's or guardian's consent, a stranger orders or lures a minor or a person with a developmental disability into a motor vehicle or into a structure that is obscured from or inaccessible to the public. A minor is child under age 16. Luring is a class C felony.

Summary of Bill: The elements of the crime of luring are expanded to include luring a minor or a person with a developmental disability into any area that is obscured from or inaccessible to the public, whether or not the area is a structure.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The state has been unable to prosecute some cases of luring because the person did not take the child into a "structure" or "motor vehicle" but tried to lure the child into an enclosed area obscured from view.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Senator Fairley, prime sponsor (pro); Mike Patrick and Detective Tim Wear, Washington State Council of Police Officers (pro); and Bill Sellars, Washington Assembly for Citizens with Disabilities (pro, with concerns).