FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5326

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Revising provision for registration of sex offenders.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Long, Fairley, Roach, Hargrove, West, Oke and Winsley).

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections

House Committee on Corrections House Committee on Appropriations

Background: Currently, sex offenders convicted under the laws of Washington, another state, or under federal statutes, are required to register with the county sheriff in the county of the person's residence.

Summary: Persons convicted of a sex offense under federal or military law or under the laws of a foreign country are required to register with the county sheriff in the offender's county of residence. A person found not guilty by reason of insanity of a sex offense must register as a sex offender.

Whenever any person required to register as a sex offender moves to another state or a foreign country, he or she must send written notice to the county sheriff with whom he or she last registered.

The term "establishing a new residence" is changed to "moving." A registered sex offender must notify the county sheriff within ten days of moving.

When a person registers as a sex offender, the county sheriff must reasonably attempt to verify that the offender is residing at the registered address.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 47 0

House 95 0 (House amended) Senate 37 0 (Senate concurred)

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