

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5014

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Harmonizing the definitions of sex and kidnapping offenders under the criminal and registration statutes.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Costa, Long, Fraser, Carlson and Gardner).

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections

Background: When sex offender registration was originally established, the definition of sex offense in the registration statute and the definition of sex offense in the criminal code were identical. Over time both definitions have been amended. Some amendments in the registration statute refer to gross misdemeanors and will never be covered in the criminal code; however, some of the changes refer to felonies.

Summary: The definitions of sex offense in the criminal code and registration statute are restored to be equivalent with regard to felonies.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0
House	95	0

Effective: July 1, 2001