FINAL BILL REPORT SB 6287

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Clarifying the status of persons who commit criminal offenses while civilly detained or committed under chapter 71.09 RCW.

Sponsors: Senators Long and Hargrove.

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

Background: The current law does not define the status upon release from criminal confinement of a sexually violent predator who commits a crime and serves jail or prison time.

Summary: A person civilly detained or committed under Chapter 71.09 RCW who is incarcerated for a crime remains under the jurisdiction of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) following either completion of his or her criminal sentence or release from confinement in a jail or prison and shall be returned to DSHS custody. This provision does not affect the person's right to petition for review of his or her commitment status at any time.

This provision does not apply to persons sentenced to life without possibility of release while civilly detained or committed under Chapter 71.09 RCW.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 46 0 House 96 0

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