

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

SB 6741

Brief Description: Adding the secretary of corrections to the organized crime advisory board.

Sponsors: Senators Horn and Fairley.

Hearing: February 22, 2000.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

BACKGROUND:

The Organized Crime Advisory Board meets with the chief of the Washington State Patrol at least four times a year to discuss any matters related to organized crime. It is responsible for advising the Governor of various activities encompassing the overall statewide organized crime intelligence effort.

The Organized Crime Advisory Board is composed of 13 voting members, who are appointed as follows:

- the Lieutenant Governor appoints four members from the Senate of which no more than two of whom must be from the same political party;
- the Speaker of the House appoints four members from the House of Representatives of which no more than two of whom must be from the same political party;
- the Governor appoints five members: two county prosecuting attorneys, one municipal police chief, one county sheriff, and one retired judge of a court.

Organized crime includes those activities which are conducted and carried on by members of an organized disciplined association engaged in supplying illegal goods and services, or engaged in criminal activities in contravention of the laws of Washington or of the United States.

SUMMARY OF BILL:

The Organized Crime Advisory Board is expanded from 13 members to 14 members. The Governor must appoint the secretary of the Department of Corrections or the secretary's designee as a member to the Organized Crime Advisory Board.

FISCAL NOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of a session in which bill is passed.