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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 9.94A.535 and 2001 2nd sp.s. c 12 s 314 are each  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 The court may impose a sentence outside the standard sentence range  
10 for an offense if it finds, considering the purpose of this chapter,  
11 that there are substantial and compelling reasons justifying an  
12 exceptional sentence. Whenever a sentence outside the standard  
13 sentence range is imposed, the court shall set forth the reasons for  
14 its decision in written findings of fact and conclusions of law. A  
15 sentence outside the standard sentence range shall be a determinate  
16 sentence unless it is imposed on an offender sentenced under RCW  
17 9.94A.712. An exceptional sentence imposed on an offender sentenced  
18 under RCW 9.94A.712 shall be to a minimum term set by the court and a  
19 maximum term equal to the statutory maximum sentence for the offense of  
20 conviction under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

21 If the sentencing court finds that an exceptional sentence outside  
22 the standard sentence range should be imposed, the sentence is subject  
23 to review only as provided for in RCW 9.94A.585(4).

24 A departure from the standards in RCW 9.94A.589 (1) and (2)  
25 governing whether sentences are to be served consecutively or  
26 concurrently is an exceptional sentence subject to the limitations in  
27 this section, and may be appealed by the offender or the state as set  
28 forth in RCW 9.94A.585 (2) through (6).

29 The following are illustrative factors which the court may consider  
30 in the exercise of its discretion to impose an exceptional sentence.  
31 The following are illustrative only and are not intended to be  
32 exclusive reasons for exceptional sentences.

33 (1) Mitigating Circumstances

34 (a) To a significant degree, the victim was an initiator, willing  
35 participant, aggressor, or provoker of the incident.

1 (b) Before detection, the defendant compensated, or made a good  
2 faith effort to compensate, the victim of the criminal conduct for any  
3 damage or injury sustained.

4 (c) The defendant committed the crime under duress, coercion,  
5 threat, or compulsion insufficient to constitute a complete defense but  
6 which significantly affected his or her conduct.

7 (d) The defendant, with no apparent predisposition to do so, was  
8 induced by others to participate in the crime.

9 (e) The defendant's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of his  
10 or her conduct, or to conform his or her conduct to the requirements of  
11 the law, was significantly impaired. Voluntary use of drugs or alcohol  
12 is excluded.

13 (f) The offense was principally accomplished by another person and  
14 the defendant manifested extreme caution or sincere concern for the  
15 safety or well-being of the victim.

16 (g) The operation of the multiple offense policy of RCW 9.94A.589  
17 results in a presumptive sentence that is clearly excessive in light of  
18 the purpose of this chapter, as expressed in RCW 9.94A.010.

19 (h) The defendant or the defendant's children suffered a continuing  
20 pattern of physical or sexual abuse by the victim of the offense and  
21 the offense is a response to that abuse.

22 (2) Aggravating Circumstances

23 (a) The defendant's conduct during the commission of the current  
24 offense manifested deliberate cruelty to the victim.

25 (b) The defendant knew or should have known that the victim of the  
26 current offense was particularly vulnerable or incapable of resistance  
27 due to extreme youth, advanced age, disability, or ill health.

28 (c) The current offense was a violent offense, and the defendant  
29 knew that the victim of the current offense was pregnant.

30 (d) The current offense was a major economic offense or series of  
31 offenses, so identified by a consideration of any of the following  
32 factors:

33 (i) The current offense involved multiple victims or multiple  
34 incidents per victim;

35 (ii) The current offense involved attempted or actual monetary loss  
36 substantially greater than typical for the offense;

37 (iii) The current offense involved a high degree of sophistication  
38 or planning or occurred over a lengthy period of time; or

1 (iv) The defendant used his or her position of trust, confidence,  
2 or fiduciary responsibility to facilitate the commission of the current  
3 offense.

4 (e) The current offense was a major violation of the Uniform  
5 Controlled Substances Act, chapter 69.50 RCW (VUCSA), related to  
6 trafficking in controlled substances, which was more onerous than the  
7 typical offense of its statutory definition: The presence of ANY of  
8 the following may identify a current offense as a major VUCSA:

9 (i) The current offense involved at least three separate  
10 transactions in which controlled substances were sold, transferred, or  
11 possessed with intent to do so;

12 (ii) The current offense involved an attempted or actual sale or  
13 transfer of controlled substances in quantities substantially larger  
14 than for personal use;

15 (iii) The current offense involved the manufacture of controlled  
16 substances for use by other parties;

17 (iv) The circumstances of the current offense reveal the offender  
18 to have occupied a high position in the drug distribution hierarchy;

19 (v) The current offense involved a high degree of sophistication or  
20 planning, occurred over a lengthy period of time, or involved a broad  
21 geographic area of disbursement; or

22 (vi) The offender used his or her position or status to facilitate  
23 the commission of the current offense, including positions of trust,  
24 confidence or fiduciary responsibility (e.g., pharmacist, physician, or  
25 other medical professional).

26 (f) The current offense included a finding of sexual motivation  
27 pursuant to RCW 9.94A.835.

28 (g) The offense was part of an ongoing pattern of sexual abuse of  
29 the same victim under the age of eighteen years manifested by multiple  
30 incidents over a prolonged period of time.

31 (h) The current offense involved domestic violence, as defined in  
32 RCW 10.99.020, and one or more of the following was present:

33 (i) The offense was part of an ongoing pattern of psychological,  
34 physical, or sexual abuse of the victim manifested by multiple  
35 incidents over a prolonged period of time;

36 (ii) The offense occurred within sight or sound of the victim's or  
37 the offender's minor children under the age of eighteen years; or

38 (iii) The offender's conduct during the commission of the current  
39 offense manifested deliberate cruelty or intimidation of the victim.

1 (i) The operation of the multiple offense policy of RCW 9.94A.589  
2 results in a presumptive sentence that is clearly too lenient in light  
3 of the purpose of this chapter, as expressed in RCW 9.94A.010.

4 (j) The defendant's prior unscored misdemeanor or prior unscored  
5 foreign criminal history results in a presumptive sentence that is  
6 clearly too lenient in light of the purpose of this chapter, as  
7 expressed in RCW 9.94A.010.

8 (k) The offense resulted in the pregnancy of a child victim of  
9 rape.

10 (l) The defendant knew that the victim of the current offense was  
11 a youth who was not residing with a legal custodian and the defendant  
12 established or promoted the relationship for the primary purpose of  
13 victimization.

14 (m) The offense was committed with intent that the act may injure,  
15 nullify, impair, or obstruct the owner's or operator's management,  
16 operation, or control of any structure used for horticultural or  
17 biological research, health care facility, or public or private  
18 forestry research facility."

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22 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "property;" strike the  
23 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 9.94A.535."

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