

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5111

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

**Brief Description:** Directing money received by inmates, for testifying, into the victims compensation account.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Madsen, Wojahn, Rasmussen, Amondson, A. Smith, Snyder, Gaspard and Skratek.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**BACKGROUND:**

Washington allows inmates working in prison to earn wages. A portion of wages earned may be deducted to cover the costs of corrections or for deposit in the crime victims' compensation account. The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that inmates in state prisons who testify at a federal trial are entitled to witness fees.

**SUMMARY:**

All money received by an inmate for testifying in any judicial proceeding is to be deposited in the crime victims' compensation account.

**VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:**

Senate	48	0	
House	97	0	(House amended)
Senate			(Senate refused to concur)
House	96	0	(House receded)

**EFFECTIVE:** July 28, 1991