

1150-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives Lovick, Ballasiotes, O'Brien, Kagi, Haigh, Ahern, Simpson, Grant, Campbell, Keiser, Benson, Bush, Conway and Esser)

Brief Description: Establishing the crime of mail theft or receipt of stolen mail.

**HB 1150-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that a person commits the crime of obstruction of mail if the person intentionally obstructs or unreasonably delays:

- (1) The passage of the mail; or
- (2) A carrier or conveyance carrying the mail.

Provides that obstruction of mail is a gross misdemeanor.

Declares that a person commits the crime of destruction of letter boxes if the person knowingly and maliciously:

- (1) Tears down or destroys a letter box belonging to another;

or

- (2) Breaks open a letter box belonging to another.

Provides that destruction of letter boxes is a class 1 civil infraction.

Declares that a person commits the crime of destruction of mail if the person knowingly and maliciously injures, destroys, or defaces mail of another that has been deposited in an authorized depository.

Provides that destruction of mail is a class C felony.

Declares that a person commits the crime of mail theft or receipt of stolen mail if the person knowingly:

- (1) Takes, or by fraud or deception, obtains mail of another from a mail receptacle, authorized depository, or mail carrier;
- (2) Secretes, embezzles, or destroys mail of another;
- (3) Takes, or by fraud or deception, obtains mail of another that has been left for collection on or adjacent to an authorized depository or mail receptacle; or

(4) Buys, receives, conceals, or unlawfully possesses mail of another knowing that the mail was taken, obtained, or embezzled as described in this subsection.

Provides that mail theft or receipt of stolen mail is a class C felony.