

2338-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Ballasiotes,
O'Brien, Lantz, Dickerson, Linville, McIntire, Conway and Wood)

Brief Description: Revising sentences for drug offenses.

HB 2338-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Adopts the recommendations of the sentencing guidelines commission regarding drug offenses.

Declares an intent to increase the use of effective substance abuse treatment for defendants and offenders in Washington in order to make frugal use of state and local resources, thus reducing recidivism and increasing the likelihood that defendants and offenders will become productive and law-abiding persons.

Intends that sentences for drug offenses accurately reflect the adverse impact of substance abuse and addiction on public safety, that the public must have protection from violent offenders, and further intends that such sentences be based on policies that are supported by research and public policy goals established by the legislature.