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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators McCaslin, Haugen and Long)

Brief Description: Clarifying the definition of "persistent offender."

**SB 5013-S.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Amends RCW 9.94A.030 relating to sentencing persistent sex offenders.

Finds that an ambiguity may exist regarding whether out-of-state convictions or convictions under prior Washington law, for sex offenses that are comparable to current Washington offenses, count when determining whether an offender is a persistent offender. This act is intended to clarify the legislature's intent that out-of-state convictions for comparable sex offenses and prior Washington convictions for comparable sex offenses shall be used to determine whether an offender meets the definition of a persistent offender.