6286-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Long and Hargrove)

Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to the time permitted for review by the indeterminate sentence review board of sex offenders who are sentenced to short sentences under RCW 9.94A.712.

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Provides that, if at the time the sentence is imposed by the superior court the offender's minimum term has expired or will expire within one hundred twenty days of the sentencing hearing, the department shall conduct, within ninety days of the offender's arrival at a department of corrections facility, and the offender shall participate in, an examination of the offender, incorporating methodologies that are recognized by experts in the prediction of sexual dangerousness, and including a prediction of the probability that the offender will engage in sex offenses if released.

Requires the board to order the offender released, under such affirmative and other conditions as the board determines appropriate, unless the board determines by a preponderance of the evidence that, despite such conditions, it is more likely than not that the offender will commit sex offenses if released. If the board does not order the offender released, the board shall establish a new minimum term, not to exceed an additional two years.