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Brief Description: Prohibiting civil forfeitures of property for controlled substances violations unless the owner has been convicted of a crime.

SB 6517 - DIGEST

Provides that no judgment of forfeiture of property in a civil forfeiture proceeding under RCW 69.50.505 by the state or any of its political subdivisions shall be allowed or entered until and unless the owner of the property is convicted of a criminal violation of this chapter or an equivalent crime in another jurisdiction and the state demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that the property was instrumental in committing or facilitating the crime or the property is proceeds of that crime.

Requires that the value of the property forfeited under the provisions of this act shall be substantially proportional to the specific conduct for which the owner of the property has been convicted.