

1394-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Delvin, O'Brien, Moeller, Sullivan, Cooper, Campbell, McIntire, Flannigan and Wallace)

Brief Description: Changing threshold property values for crimes against property.

HB 1394-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises threshold property values for crimes against property.

Directs the sentencing guidelines commission to conduct a study of threshold property values for crimes involving property. The commission shall include in the study at least the crimes of malicious mischief, theft, unlawful issuance of checks or drafts, theft of rental, leased, or lease-purchased property, and possessing stolen property, as well as any other property-based crimes other than those related to controlled substances in which the value of the property is an element of the offense. The commission shall: (1) Study the need for, and effect of, changes in threshold property values beyond those established in this act for crimes involving property; and

(2) Identify viable mechanisms for establishing a periodic review or adjustment of such values, and whether a particular mechanism should be recommended to the legislature and governor.

Provides that, in conducting the study, the commission shall seek the participation of the business community, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, local governments, and the department of corrections.

Requires the commission to report its findings and any recommendations to the legislature and the governor by December 1, 2004.

Expires July 1, 2005.