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Sponsor(s): Senators Eide, Keiser and Reardon

Brief Description: Criminalizing failure to summon assistance.

SB 5119 - DIGEST

Declares that a person is guilty of the crime of failing to summon assistance if: (1) He or she knows that another person has suffered substantial bodily harm and is in need of assistance;

(2) He or she could reasonably summon assistance for the person in need without danger to himself or herself and without interference with an important duty owed to a third party;

(3) He or she fails to summon assistance for the person in need; and

(4) Another person is not summoning assistance for the person in need.

Provides that the duty to summon assistance is satisfied by making reasonable efforts to summon emergency police, fire, or medical assistance that identifies the location of the victim.

Declares that, except as provided in RCW 9A.76.050, failing to summon assistance is a misdemeanor.

Repeals RCW 9A.76.060.