FINAL BILL REPORT HB 1338

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Adding kidnapping to the statewide registered sex offender web site.

Sponsors: By Representatives O'Brien, Pearson, Darneille, Simpson and Ormsby.

House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections

Background:

The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) administers a web site available to the public, which provides electronic links to county operated web sites that offer sex offender registration information.

The WASPC has also developed, using federal grants and other resources, a public accessible web site with information on all level II and level III sex offenders in the state. The web site has mapping capabilities that can show, among other items, the offender's address, name, and type of conviction.

Summary:

Information on kidnapping offenders, as allowed by law, is included on the WASPC web site. The web site allows citizens to search for registered kidnappers in Washington by county, city, zip code, last name, conviction, and address by hundredth block. The WASPC is authorized to use funding from federal or other sources to operate the web site containing the kidnapping offender information.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 93 0 Senate 44 0

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