

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1338

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Human Services & Corrections, March 31, 2005

Title: An act relating to adding kidnapping to the statewide registered sex offender web site.

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

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

Brief History: Passed House: 3/08/05, 93-0.

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 3/17/05, 3/31/05 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell, McAuliffe and Thibaudeau.

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Background: Under current law, the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) is directed to maintain a statewide website on Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders within the limits of state and federal law.

Most provisions in state law that apply to sex offenders also apply to kidnapping offenders.

Summary of Bill: Kidnapping offenders are added to the statewide website maintained by WASPC. The website must contain the same information as provided on level 3 sex offenders, to the extent that the information is permissible under state and federal law.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: There was an oversight in the legislation authorizing WASPC to establish and maintain a statewide sex offender database in that the legislation did not include kidnapping offenders. This bill clarifies WASPC's authority to include them.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: PRO: Representative Al O'Brien, prime sponsor; James McMahon, WASPC.