

HB 2224 - DIGEST

Finds that the people of Washington state face a crisis brought upon by increased gang crime and violence, which is threatening public safety in communities across the state.

Declares that those who prosecute gang-related crimes need specific sanctions and sentencing enhancements to ensure that those who commit gang-related crimes are held accountable for the harm they inflict on society.

Intends to enact provisions to provide the law enforcement community with the tools they need to protect the citizens of Washington from violent street gangs, and the evils those gangs visit upon us all.

Increases penalties for gang-related offenses.