CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5323

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2025 Regular Session

PROPERTY STOLEN FROM FIRST RESPONDERS—PENALTIES

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Passed by the Senate April 21, 2025
Yeas 48 Nays 0

JOHN LOVICK

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 14, 2025
Yeas 96 Nays 0

LAURIE JINKINS

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved May 15, 2025 1:55 PM

BOB FERGUSON

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5323** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

SARAH BANNISTER

Secretary

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May 19, 2025

Secretary of State
State of Washington

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Lovick, Fortunato, Holy, Boehnke, J. Wilson, Schoesler, Muzzall, Dozier, Christian, Torres, Wagoner, Goehner, King, Braun, Chapman, and Hasegawa)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/25.

AN ACT Relating to the penalties for theft and possession of stolen property from first responders; amending RCW 9A.56.150 and 9A.56.030; and prescribing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Sec. 1. RCW 9A.56.150 and 2009 c 431 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of possessing stolen property in the first degree if he or she possesses stolen property, other than a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010 or a motor vehicle, which ((~~exceeds~~)):

(a) Exceeds five thousand dollars in value; or

(b) Was property or equipment used by firefighters or emergency medical service providers that is critical to their work in an emergency setting and taken from a fire station, fire department vehicle, or emergency medical services building, facility, structure, or vehicle; and

(i) The loss of the property or equipment significantly hindered or delayed the firefighter's or emergency medical service provider's ability to respond to an ongoing emergency; or

(ii) The property or equipment exceeds $1,000 in value.

(2) Possessing stolen property in the first degree is a class B felony.

Sec. 2. RCW 9A.56.030 and 2017 c 266 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in RCW 9A.56.400, a person is guilty of theft in the first degree if he or she commits theft of:

(a) Property or services which exceed(s) five thousand dollars in value other than a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010;

(b) Property of any value, other than a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010 or a motor vehicle, taken from the person of another;

(c) A search and rescue dog, as defined in RCW 9.91.175, while the search and rescue dog is on duty; ((~~or~~))

(d) Commercial metal property, nonferrous metal property, or private metal property, ((~~as those terms are defined in RCW 19.290.010,~~)) and the costs of the damage to the owner's property exceed five thousand dollars in value; or

(e) Property or equipment used by firefighters or emergency medical service providers that is critical to their work in an emergency setting and taken from a fire station, fire department vehicle, or emergency medical services building, facility, structure, or vehicle; and

(i) The loss of the property or equipment significantly hindered or delayed the firefighter's or emergency medical service provider's ability to respond to an ongoing emergency; or

(ii) The property or equipment exceeds $1,000 in value.

(2) Theft in the first degree is a class B felony.

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