

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5022

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Law & Justice, February 5, 1997

Title: An act relating to offender scoring while under supervision.

Brief Description: Increasing offender scoring while under supervision.

Sponsors: Senator Hochstatter.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Law & Justice: 1/23/97, 2/5/97 [DPS-WM, DNPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5022 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Johnson, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Long, McCaslin, Stevens and Zarelli.

Minority Report: Do not pass substitute.

Signed by Senators Fairley and Kline.

Staff: Mychal Schwartz (786-7444)

Background: Under the Sentencing Reform Act, one point is added to an adult defendant's offender score if the defendant was under community placement at the time of the current offense or offenses.

Summary of Substitute Bill: An additional point is added to an adult defendant's offender score if the defendant was under community supervision, community custody or post-release supervision at the time of the current offense or offenses.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: Section 2 dealing with juveniles is deleted from the original version. The language in subsection (18) is clarified by separating community placement— into its individual divisions, community custody and post-release supervision.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 16, 1997.

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

Testimony For: The issue is one of fairness and respect. The type of supervision should not matter. If an offender commits a crime while on any type of supervision, the offender

should be punished. The majority of offenders are not on community placement but rather community supervision.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Greg Zempel, Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney (pro).