

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6408

As of January 17, 2006

Title: An act relating to tolling the statute of limitations for felony sex offenses.

Brief Description: Tolling the statute of limitations for felony sex offenses.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove, Stevens, Doumit, McAuliffe, Regala, Rasmussen and Oke; by request of Attorney General.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 1/19/06.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Staff: Kiki Keizer (786-7430)

Background: Washington law establishes time limits within which criminal cases must be charged and prosecuted. Generally, the time for bringing a criminal case begins running when a crime is committed.

Summary of Bill: For certain sexually based offenses, the time for bringing a criminal case is modified. Time may begin running on the date the crime was committed or one year from the date on which a suspect is identified through DNA testing of the evidence in the case.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested for Companion HB 2698 on January 12, 2006.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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