
SENATE BILL 6108

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By Senators Nelson, Rasmussen and Thorsness

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1 AN ACT Relating to the authority of the attorney general to
2 investigate and prosecute crimes upon the request of a victim; and
3 amending RCW 43.10.232.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.10.232 and 1986 c 257 s 16 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The attorney general shall have concurrent authority and power
8 with the prosecuting attorneys to investigate crimes and initiate and
9 conduct prosecutions upon the request of or with the concurrence of any
10 of the following:

11 (a) The county prosecuting attorney of the jurisdiction in which
12 the offense has occurred;

13 (b) The governor of the state of Washington; ((or))

1 (c) A majority of the committee charged with the oversight of the
2 organized crime intelligence unit; or

3 (d) A victim of a crime, if the prosecuting attorney of the county
4 in which the offense occurred has declined prosecution of the victim's
5 case.

6 (2) Such request or concurrence shall be communicated in writing to
7 the attorney general.

8 (3) Prior to any prosecution by the attorney general under this
9 section, the attorney general and the county in which the offense
10 occurred shall reach an agreement regarding the payment of all costs,
11 including expert witness fees, and defense attorneys' fees associated
12 with any such prosecution.