

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5494

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Including certain juveniles who are the subject of proceedings under chapter 13.34 RCW in the definition of "at-risk juvenile sex offenders".

SPONSORS: Senators Talmadge and Deccio; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

BACKGROUND:

In 1990, the Legislature passed a comprehensive plan for dealing with sex offenders, known as the Community Protection Act of 1990. The act included provisions dealing with adult and juvenile criminal sentencing, civil commitment procedures, and sex offender treatment programs.

A special sex offender disposition alternative was created for first time juvenile sex offenders who had not committed a serious violent offense. Funding was also provided for at-risk juvenile sex offenders who were in the care and custody of the state. It has been suggested that the at-risk program should be made available to juvenile sex offenders who are the subject of a dependency action and still reside at home.

SUMMARY:

The "at-risk juvenile sex offender" definition includes juveniles who are the subject of a dependency proceeding but are not in the care and custody of the state.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

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| Senate | 48 | 0 |
| House | 96 | 0 |

EFFECTIVE: July 25, 1993