

**FINAL BILL REPORT**

**2SSB 5800**

**C 53 L 94**

**SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED**

**Brief Description:** Increasing the penalty for violating human remains.

**SPONSORS:** Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Nelson, A. Smith and Winsley)

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**BACKGROUND:**

Current statutes provide criminal penalties if a person mutilates, disinters, or removes human remains from the place of interment without authority of law. It has been suggested that sexual contact with a deceased person should also be prohibited.

**SUMMARY:**

A person who has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a dead human body is guilty of a class C felony. The crime is added to the criminal code and ranked at seriousness level V for the purposes of the Sentencing Reform Act.

**VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:**

Senate	46	0
House	95	0

**EFFECTIVE:** June 9, 1994