

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2628

As of February 20, 1998

Title: An act relating to manufacture of methamphetamine.

Brief Description: Increasing the penalty for manufacture of methamphetamine.

Sponsors: Representatives Schoesler, Quall, Costa, O'Brien, Dunshee, Ballasiotes, Dyer, Thompson, Wolfe and Lambert; by request of Governor Locke.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Law & Justice: 2/26/98.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Staff: Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

Background: Methamphetamine is a schedule II drug. A person convicted of manufacturing, delivering, or possessing with the intent to manufacture or deliver methamphetamine is guilty of a B felony ranked at level VIII on the sentencing grid (21 to 27 months for a first offense).

Summary of Bill: The manufacture of methamphetamine is ranked at level X on the sentencing grid (51 to 68 months for a first offense).

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on July 1, 1998.