

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5235

As of February 8, 1999

Title: An act relating to sex offender examinations and treatment.

Brief Description: Prescribing requirements for sex offender examinations and treatment.

Sponsors: Senators Long, Hargrove, Horn, Haugen, Zarelli, Kohl-Welles, Thibaudeau, Stevens, Kline, Gardner, McCaslin, Franklin, Roach, Oke, Winsley, Costa and Benton; by request of Department of Corrections.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/9/99.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Staff: Fara Daun (786-7459)

Background: The Department of Corrections (DOC) has the authority to order sex offenders to receive sex offender examination and treatment as a condition of community placement or community custody. Current law does not place requirements on the certification of treatment providers.

Summary of Bill: When DOC orders a sex offender to participate in examinations and treatment as a condition of community placement or community custody, the examinations and treatment must be conducted by a provider certified by the Department of Health (DOH).

There are three exceptions to the certification requirement: provider certification is not required if the offender has already moved to another state for reasons unrelated to provider certification; if there is no certified treatment provider within a reasonable geographic distance of the offender's home; or if the evaluation and treatment plan comply with DOH rules.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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