

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6201

As Passed Senate, February 9, 2000

Title: An act relating to penalties for the sale or gift of drug paraphernalia.

Brief Description: Setting penalties for infractions involving drug paraphernalia.

Sponsors: Senators Goings and Rasmussen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Judiciary: 1/24/2000, 1/28/2000 [DP].
Passed Senate, 2/9/2000, 41-6.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Heavey, Chair; Kline, Vice Chair; Costa, Goings, Hargrove, Haugen, Johnson, Roach, Thibaudeau and Zarelli.

Staff: Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

Background: Every person who sells, gives, or permits to be sold or given to any person any drug paraphernalia commits a class I civil infraction. The maximum penalty for a class I civil infraction is \$250.

Summary of Bill: The maximum monetary penalty for the sale or gift of drug paraphernalia is graduated depending upon the frequency of the violation. A first infraction subjects the offender to a \$250 monetary penalty. The offender is penalized \$500 for the second violation, \$750 for a third violation, and \$1,000 for each subsequent violation within a two-year period.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: The present fine is viewed as a small risk and is added to the cost of doing business. Businesses pay the fine and continue selling the same merchandise.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Wes Tucker, Sumner Police; Kennetu Board, Pierce County Sheriff's Department.