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Sponsor(s): Senators Costa, Hargrove, Long, Winsley and Patterson

Brief Description: Providing for additional consideration of victims in the juvenile justice system.

**SB 6742 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Encourages making each victim of a juvenile offender whole to the fullest extent possible by addressing the violation against the victim; restoring a victim's sense of safety; having the justice process acknowledge the impact the crime has had upon the victim and considering how the system participants can include the victim's position to the extent the victim is able or chooses to participate, at important junctures of the case and at disposition; and addressing the victim's needs and concerns.

Declares that a "victim" means any person who has sustained emotional, psychological, physical, or financial injury to person or property as a result of the offense charged. "Victim" also means a parent or guardian of a victim who is a minor child unless the parent or guardian is the perpetrator of the offense charged.

Requires the prosecuting attorney responsible for making the decision whether to file an information or divert the juvenile to notify each victim of the decision which is made.