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Sponsor(s): Senators Hargrove, Heavey, Kohl-Welles, Long, Franklin and Kline

Brief Description: Reviewing state sentencing policy.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Requires the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of state sentencing policy, including whether current sentencing ranges and standards, as well as existing mandatory minimum sentences and existing sentence enhancements, are consistent with the purposes of the Sentencing Reform Act as set out in RCW 9.94A.010, with the intent of the legislature to emphasize confinement for the violent offender and alternatives to confinement for the nonviolent offender, and whether current sentencing ranges and standards are consistent with existing corrections capacity. Such review and evaluation shall include consideration of cost-effectiveness and other studies performed by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, as well as the fiscal impact of sentencing policies on state and local government.

Provides that, by December 1, 2001, the commission shall present to the legislature the report of its comprehensive review and evaluation, together with its recommendations for revisions and modifications to state sentencing policy, including sentencing ranges and standards, mandatory minimum sentences, and sentence enhancements.