

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5388

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Judiciary, February 6, 2001

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

Brief Description: Modifying penalties for the sale or gift of drug paraphernalia.

Sponsors: Senators Kastama and Rasmussen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Judiciary: 1/30/01, 2/6/01 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Costa, Johnson, Kastama, Long, McCaslin, Roach and Zarelli.

Staff: Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

Background: It is a class I civil infraction to sell, give, or permit to be sold or given to any person any drug paraphernalia. The penalty for a class I civil infraction is \$250.

Summary of Bill: Civil penalties for drug paraphernalia infractions increase for subsequent offenses. A first offense subjects the person to a \$250 penalty, a \$500 penalty is imposed for a second offense within a two-year period, a \$750 penalty is imposed for a third offense within a two-year period, and a \$1,000 for any subsequent offenses within the 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 fine is so low now that business owners treat it as a business expense. The large markup on these items makes the fine irrelevant.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Wes Tucker, Sumner Police Department; Pricilla Lisicich, Governor's Council on Substance Abuse.