

1039-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections  
(originally sponsored by Representatives Ballasiotes, O'Brien,  
Ahern, Morell and Woods)

Brief Description: Clarifying which prior offenses are considered  
strikes.

**HB 1039-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/22/01)

Finds that an ambiguity may exist regarding whether out-of-state convictions or convictions under prior Washington law, for sex offenses that are comparable to current Washington offenses, count when determining whether an offender is a persistent offender.

Declares an intent to clarify the legislature's intent that out-of-state convictions for comparable sex offenses and prior Washington convictions for comparable sex offenses shall be used to determine whether an offender meets the definition of a persistent offender.