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Sponsor(s): Representatives Ballasiotes, O'Brien, Ahern, Morell and Woods

Brief Description: Clarifying which prior offenses are considered strikes.

**HB 1039 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

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.