

1938-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Representatives Pearson, Sump, Doumit,
Jackley, Pennington, Mulliken, Boldt, Schoesler and Buck)

Brief Description: Prescribing penalties for sabotage resulting in
damage to land, facilities, and property or personal injury.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Prescribes penalties for sabotage resulting in damage to land,
facilities, and property.

Finds that state, federal, and private facilities increasingly
are becoming the target of terrorist activities. Timber and mining
companies, fur farms, recreational, residential, commercial, and
industrial development, university research facilities, animal and
biotechnology research laboratories, and commercial and private
animal production facilities have become targets in a campaign of
intimidation, obstruction, and terrorism aimed at the closing of
these facilities or industries.

Declares that these actions are not only illegal but impose
extreme suffering and loss on individuals, families, businesses,
and communities and pose a serious threat to human life.

Provides that every person who injures, interferes with,
interrupts, intimidates, obstructs, or threatens to injure,
interfere with, interrupt, intimidate, or obstruct employees or
other authorized persons associated with any research or scientific
investigation conducted by a university, private research facility,
or a biotechnology laboratory is liable to the injured party for
treble the amount of the damages caused by the injury,
interference, interruption, intimidation, obstruction, or threat.

Provides that, whoever, with intent that his or her act shall,
or with reason to believe that it may, injure, interfere with,
interrupt, supplant, nullify, impair, intimidate, or obstruct
employees or other authorized persons associated with any research
or scientific investigation conducted by a university or private
research facility or biotechnology laboratory, shall willfully
injure or intimidate, or threaten to injure or intimidate,
employees or other authorized persons associated with any research
or scientific investigation conducted by a university or private
research facility or biotechnology laboratory, shall be guilty of
criminal sabotage.

Declares that criminal sabotage is a felony.