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Sponsor(s): Senators Kline, Keiser and Regala

Brief Description: Creating the corporate three strikes act.

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Finds that the penalties available to the judiciary for criminal conduct by corporations are restricted by the inability of the judicial system to imprison a fictional person, generally leaving only temporary monetary penalties as the practical method of punishment and deterrent in cases of corporate criminal conduct. These penalties may not prove to be sufficient in all cases, leading to an ongoing risk of harm to public safety and welfare.

Declares an intent to expand the protections afforded Washingtonians by establishing an additional set of protections to be invoked only when existing remedies prove insufficient to end the repeated commission of felonies by a limited number of corporations conducting intrastate business in Washington.