

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2625

As of February 13, 2010

Title: An act relating to bail for felony offenses.

Brief Description: Addressing bail for felony offenses.

Sponsors: Representatives Kelley, Ericks, Conway, Driscoll, O'Brien, Liias, Blake, Finn, Simpson, Orwall, Morrell and Campbell.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/03/10, 96-0.

Committee Activity: Judiciary:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Staff: Juliana Roe (786-7438)

Background: Under current law, all persons charged with crimes are entitled to bail except for those charged with a capital offense. Each county determines whether to use a bail schedule, which allows persons who have been arrested to post bail without having to appear before a judicial officer. In those counties that allow for the use of bail schedules, the amount set for bail is that which is specified in the bail schedule for the particular offense. A bail schedule may also set forth a requirement that a person must go before a judicial officer prior to posting bail for certain types of offenses.

Summary of Bill: Bail, for persons arrested and detained for a felony offense, must be determined on an individualized basis by a judicial officer.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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