

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6664

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As of January 27, 2010

**Title:** An act relating to bail for persons in custody.

**Brief Description:** Concerning bail for persons in custody.

**Sponsors:** Senators Kohl-Welles, Carrell, McCaslin, Roach, Kline, Gordon, Hargrove and Tom.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Judiciary:

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### 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 go 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:** A person who is held in custody and alleged to have committed a felony crime against a person must appear before a judicial officer for a determination of pretrial release conditions prior to the person's release, if the offense is bailable.

**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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