

SB 5225-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/5/2009)

Raises the monetary threshold amounts differentiating the various degrees of property crimes in the state.

Creates an organized retail crime task force to: (1) Examine the impact of raising these values on the retail industry, the district and municipal courts, and the county and city offices of the prosecuting attorney;

(2) Examine whether civil immunity should be granted for retailers who create a common database on individuals suspected of theft and who deliver the database to law enforcement agencies; and

(3) Identify any policies or procedures which would enhance the successful investigation and prosecution of property crimes in Washington state.

Requires the sentencing guidelines commission to review the monetary threshold amounts differentiating the various degrees of property crimes in Washington state to determine whether such amounts should be modified.

Requires a court or prosecuting authority to check existing judicial information systems to determine the criminal history of the defendant before a sentence is imposed upon the defendant convicted of a crime against property.

Provides that the act applies to crimes committed on or after September 1, 2009.