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**State Government & Tribal Affairs  
Committee**

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**SSB 5244**

**Brief Description:** Addressing law enforcement crime prevention efforts regarding security alarm systems and crime watch programs for residential and commercial locations.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Nelson and Delvin).

**Brief Summary of Substitute Bill**

- Exempts from disclosure personally identifying information collected by law enforcement agencies regarding local security alarm systems programs and vacation crime watch programs.

**Hearing Date:** 3/14/11

**Staff:** Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

**Background:**

The Public Records Act (PRA) requires that all state and local government agencies make all public records available for public inspection and copying unless they fall within certain statutory exemptions. The provisions requiring public records disclosure must be interpreted liberally and the exemptions narrowly in order to effectuate a general policy favoring disclosure.

**Summary of Bill:**

Personally identifying information regarding local security alarm system programs and vacation crime watch programs collected by law enforcement agencies is exempt from disclosure. However, the exemption does not prohibit the legal owner of a residence or business from accessing information pertinent to his or her residence or business.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.