

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESB 6254

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Changing promoting prostitution provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Delvin, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, Roach, Conway, Pflug, Ericksen, Carrell, Schoesler, Fain, Baumgartner, Fraser, Padden, Regala, Kline, Shin, Litzow, Eide, Chase, Stevens, Nelson and Keiser.

Senate Committee on Judiciary
House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

Background: Promoting prostitution in the first degree is committed if an individual knowingly advances prostitution by compelling another person, by threat or force, to engage in prostitution or profits from that act. It is a class B felony ranked at level III on the sentencing grid and results in one to three months incarceration and/or a \$20,000 fine for a first offense. Promoting prostitution is also an act of criminal profiteering. Three acts of criminal profiteering within a five-year period may result in a civil action for the recovery of up to three times actual damages, costs of suit, forfeiture of property used for or proceeds from the offense, and attorney fees.

Summary: Promoting prostitution in the first degree may also be committed if an individual knowingly advances prostitution by compelling a person with a mental or developmental disability to engage in prostitution or profits from that act. The disability must be one that renders the person incapable of consent.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0	
House	96	0	(House amended)
Senate	48	0	(Senate concurred)

Effective: June 7, 2012

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