2SSB 6249 - S AMD **594**
    By Senator Padden

1   Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2   following:

3   "<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it previously
4   passed RCW 10.101.030 in which it required local governments to adopt
5   caseload standards and indicated that "The standards endorsed by the
6   Washington state bar association for the provision of public defense
7   services should serve as guidelines to local legislative authorities in
8   adopting standards." Despite this clear expression of legislative
9   intent on the matter, the state supreme court subsequently ordered new
10   standards and caseload limits for public defenders. The legislature
11   finds that these standards will have a very detrimental fiscal impact
12   on the criminal justice and court operations of cities and counties
13   that already are struggling to address these costs. The order thus far
14   has proved so unworkable, that the court has already postponed its
15   impact until January 2015. The legislature finds that the caseload
16   level to be borne by public defenders and associated expenses are
17   matters of substantive law with the constitutional province of the
18   legislature.
19   The legislature, therefore, respectfully requests that the court
20   vacate its order in In The Matter Of The Standards For Indigent Defense
21   And Certification Of Compliance, Order No. 25700-A-1008 and subsequent
22   related orders regarding indigent defense and public defender caseload
23   limits."

1   On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "standards;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "and creating a new section."

     <u>EFFECT:</u> Strikes current language in bill and replaces with a new
intent section.

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