

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 1531

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As of March 28, 2013

**Title:** An act relating to criminal history record information compliance audits.

**Brief Description:** Modifying criminal history record information compliance audit provisions.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Hayes, Goodman, Klippert, Hope, Ryu, Holy and Moscoso; by request of Washington State Patrol.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 3/11/13, 98-0.

**Committee Activity:** Human Services & Corrections: 3/28/13.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

**Staff:** Shani Bauer (786-7468)

**Background:** The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is the central repository for criminal history record information for the state of Washington. Local criminal justice agencies are required by law to submit felony and gross misdemeanor arrest and disposition information to WSP, where it is included in a central database. The Criminal Records Privacy Act governs the disclosure and dissemination of criminal history information.

WSP must conduct annual audits to ensure all disposition reports were received from local criminal justice agencies and added to its records. WSP provides each originating criminal justice agency with a report of dispositions that have been outstanding more than nine months since the date of arrest. The agency must respond within 45 days noting any discrepancies in the report. The results of compliance audits are published annually and distributed to legislative committees dealing with criminal justice issues.

**Summary of Bill:** In conducting its compliance audit, WSP must identify dispositions that have been outstanding one year or longer since the date of arrest. Outstanding dispositions must be researched by WSP staff or the originating criminal justice agency. Upon receipt of a list of outstanding dispositions from WSP, the criminal justice agency must respond within 60 days.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This is a good little bill on behalf of WSP that conforms the law to current practice. WSP has the great responsibility of being the repository for criminal history information. WSP developed process improvements for the compliance and audit process. The changes to the statute clean up and clarify current provisions and codify necessary protocols.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Representative Hayes, prime sponsor; Rob Huss, WSP.