

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Read, Whisnant, Macpherson

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Enhances penalties for crime of strangulation. Punishes by maximum of five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, the crime of strangulation is a Class A misdemeanor. HB 3329 elevates strangulation to a Class C felony if a child related to the defendant or victim is present, a dangerous weapon is involved, or physical injury results. HB 3329 also elevates strangulation to a Class C felony if the defendant has a prior conviction for strangulation, a prior conviction for assault or menacing involving the same victim, or at least three prior convictions for assault or menacing or the equivalent crime in other jurisdictions.