

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/22, 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Extends statute of limitations for certain sex crimes if defendant is identified on the basis of DNA sample comparisons.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: HB 3263 extends the statute of limitations indefinitely for certain crimes in cases where a DNA sample was taken at the time of the offense and at a later point the offender is identified on the basis of that sample. The extension applies to first degree rape, sodomy, unlawful sexual penetration and sex abuse.

In 2007, the Legislative Assembly took the first steps toward eliminating statutes of limitations in some DNA cases. HB 2153 extended the statute of limitations in first and second degree offenses to 25 years for cases involving DNA evidence taken at the time of the crime.