



STATE OF WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

To: COMMISSION

From: Jean Soliz-Conklin

RE: Ad Hoc Committee on Sex Offender Statutes of Limitation

ACTION REQUESTED: The Commission is asked to provide comments and suggestions.

Background

The 2008 Legislature asked the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to review statutes of limitations related to sex offenses in Senate Bill 6362. The SGC was asked to report any recommendations for revision to the Legislature by December 1, 2008.

Although the bill did not pass, the prime sponsors (Senators Marr and Hargrove) have asked that the SGC conduct the review anyway. Chairman Boerner appointed an ad hoc committee in July.

Committee members are Senator Adam Kline, Mason County Commissioner Lynda Ring-Erickson, Jeri Costa, Chair of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board, and SGC Citizen Member Tim Killian, owner of Eventure Communications.

Plan

The SGC Ad Hoc Committee on Sex Offense Statutes of Limitation met and formed a plan as follows:

- SGC staff is to research the current status of Washington's sex offense statutes of limitations.
- SGC staff is to research the statutes of limitation in other states.
- The Ad Hoc Committee will review a research report in early September.
- The Ad Hoc Committee will hold a public community conversation on Friday, September 12th from 1 to 4 p.m. at the SeaTac Holiday Inn, following the Sentencing Guidelines Commission.
- The Committee will then set a plan for future meetings.
- The Sentencing Guidelines Commission will receive a report and any proposed recommendations to the legislature in October or November.