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Sponsor(s): Senator Kohl

Brief Title: Reinstating the first offender waiver for those charged with drug offenses.

SB 5812 - DIGEST

Declares an intent of the legislature to reduce prison overcrowding, reduce recidivism, and save public funds by reinstating the first offender waiver for those charged with drug offenses.

Authorizes offenders who are in prison who were sentenced for a drug offense since July 1, 1988, and who would have been eligible for the first-time offender option under RCW 9.94A.030 had it been in effect at the time of sentencing, to request review by the sentencing court and resentencing to a first-time offender option to include a drug treatment program acceptable to the court. The request for review must include a presentation of an appropriate proposed course of treatment.