## HOUSE BILL 1148

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- AN ACT Relating to determining sentences for multiple offenses
- 2 and enhancements; and amending RCW 9.94A.533, 9.94A.535, and
- 3 9.94A.589.

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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.94A.533 and 2013 c 270 s 2 are each amended to 6 read as follows:
  - (1) The provisions of this section apply to the standard sentence ranges determined by RCW 9.94A.510 or 9.94A.517.
  - (2) For persons convicted of the anticipatory offenses of criminal attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy under chapter 9A.28 RCW, the standard sentence range is determined by locating the sentencing grid sentence range defined by the appropriate offender score and the seriousness level of the completed crime, and multiplying the range by seventy-five percent.
  - (3) The following additional times shall be added to the standard sentence range for felony crimes committed after July 23, 1995, if the offender or an accomplice was armed with a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010 and the offender is being sentenced for one of the crimes listed in this subsection as eligible for any firearm enhancements based on the classification of the completed felony crime. If the offender is being sentenced for more than one offense,

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- the firearm enhancement or enhancements must be added to the total confinement for all offenses, regardless of underlying offense is subject to a firearm enhancement. If the offender or an accomplice was armed with a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010 and the offender is being sentenced for an anticipatory б offense under chapter 9A.28 RCW to commit one of the crimes listed in this subsection as eliqible for any firearm enhancements, the following additional times shall be added to the standard sentence range determined under subsection (2) of this section based on the felony crime of conviction as classified under RCW 9A.28.020:
  - (a) Five years for any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or with a statutory maximum sentence of at least twenty years, or both, and not covered under (f) of this subsection;

- (b) Three years for any felony defined under any law as a class B felony or with a statutory maximum sentence of ten years, or both, and not covered under (f) of this subsection;
- (c) Eighteen months for any felony defined under any law as a class C felony or with a statutory maximum sentence of five years, or both, and not covered under (f) of this subsection;
- (d) If the offender is being sentenced for any firearm enhancements under (a), (b), and/or (c) of this subsection and the offender has previously been sentenced for any deadly weapon enhancements after July 23, 1995, under (a), (b), and/or (c) of this subsection or subsection (4)(a), (b), and/or (c) of this section, or both, all firearm enhancements under this subsection shall be twice the amount of the enhancement listed;
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all firearm enhancements under this section are mandatory, shall be served in total confinement, and shall run consecutively to all other sentencing provisions, including other firearm or deadly weapon enhancements, for all offenses sentenced under this chapter. However, ((whether or not a mandatory minimum term has expired)) the court may grant an exceptional sentence pursuant to RCW 9.94A.535(1)(q), and an offender serving a sentence under this subsection may be granted an extraordinary medical placement when authorized under RCW 9.94A.728(3) whether or not the mandatory minimum term has expired;
- (f) The firearm enhancements in this section shall apply to all felony crimes except the following: Possession of a machine gun, possessing a stolen firearm, drive-by shooting, theft of a firearm,

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unlawful possession of a firearm in the first and second degree, and use of a machine gun in a felony;

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- (g) If the standard sentence range under this section exceeds the statutory maximum sentence for the offense, the statutory maximum sentence shall be the presumptive sentence unless the offender is a persistent offender. If the addition of a firearm enhancement increases the sentence so that it would exceed the statutory maximum for the offense, the portion of the sentence representing the enhancement may not be reduced.
- (4) The following additional times shall be added to the standard 10 sentence range for felony crimes committed after July 23, 1995, if 11 12 the offender or an accomplice was armed with a deadly weapon other than a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010 and the offender is being 13 sentenced for one of the crimes listed in this subsection as eligible 14 for any deadly weapon enhancements based on the classification of the 15 completed felony crime. If the offender is being sentenced for more 16 17 than one offense, the deadly weapon enhancement or enhancements must be added to the total period of confinement for all offenses, 18 regardless of which underlying offense is subject to a deadly weapon 19 enhancement. If the offender or an accomplice was armed with a deadly 20 21 weapon other than a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010 and the offender is being sentenced for an anticipatory offense under chapter 22 9A.28 RCW to commit one of the crimes listed in this subsection as 23 eligible for any deadly weapon enhancements, the following additional 24 25 times shall be added to the standard sentence range determined under 26 subsection (2) of this section based on the felony crime of conviction as classified under RCW 9A.28.020: 27
  - (a) Two years for any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or with a statutory maximum sentence of at least twenty years, or both, and not covered under (f) of this subsection;
  - (b) One year for any felony defined under any law as a class B felony or with a statutory maximum sentence of ten years, or both, and not covered under (f) of this subsection;
  - (c) Six months for any felony defined under any law as a class C felony or with a statutory maximum sentence of five years, or both, and not covered under (f) of this subsection;
- (d) If the offender is being sentenced under (a), (b), and/or (c) of this subsection for any deadly weapon enhancements and the offender has previously been sentenced for any deadly weapon enhancements after July 23, 1995, under (a), (b), and/or (c) of this

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subsection or subsection (3)(a), (b), and/or (c) of this section, or both, all deadly weapon enhancements under this subsection shall be twice the amount of the enhancement listed;

- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all deadly weapon enhancements under this section are mandatory, shall be served in total confinement, and shall run consecutively to all other sentencing provisions, including other firearm or deadly weapon enhancements, for all offenses sentenced under this chapter. However, ((whether or not a mandatory minimum term has expired)) the court may grant an exceptional sentence pursuant to RCW 9.94A.535(1)(q), and an offender serving a sentence under this subsection may be granted an extraordinary medical placement when authorized under RCW 9.94A.728(3) whether or not the mandatory minimum term has expired;
- (f) The deadly weapon enhancements in this section shall apply to all felony crimes except the following: Possession of a machine gun, possessing a stolen firearm, drive-by shooting, theft of a firearm, unlawful possession of a firearm in the first and second degree, and use of a machine gun in a felony;
- (g) If the standard sentence range under this section exceeds the statutory maximum sentence for the offense, the statutory maximum sentence shall be the presumptive sentence unless the offender is a persistent offender. If the addition of a deadly weapon enhancement increases the sentence so that it would exceed the statutory maximum for the offense, the portion of the sentence representing the enhancement may not be reduced.
- (5) The following additional times shall be added to the standard sentence range if the offender or an accomplice committed the offense while in a county jail or state correctional facility and the offender is being sentenced for one of the crimes listed in this subsection. If the offender or an accomplice committed one of the crimes listed in this subsection while in a county jail or state correctional facility, and the offender is being sentenced for an anticipatory offense under chapter 9A.28 RCW to commit one of the crimes listed in this subsection, the following additional times shall be added to the standard sentence range determined under subsection (2) of this section:
- 37 (a) Eighteen months for offenses committed under RCW 69.50.401(2) 38 (a) or (b) or 69.50.410;
- 39 (b) Fifteen months for offenses committed under RCW 69.50.401(2) 40 (c), (d), or (e);

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(c) Twelve months for offenses committed under RCW 69.50.4013.

For the purposes of this subsection, all of the real property of a state correctional facility or county jail shall be deemed to be part of that facility or county jail.

- (6) An additional twenty-four months shall be added to the standard sentence range for any ranked offense involving a violation of chapter 69.50 RCW if the offense was also a violation of RCW 69.50.435 or 9.94A.827. All enhancements under this subsection shall run consecutively to all other sentencing provisions, for all offenses sentenced under this chapter.
- (7) An additional two years shall be added to the standard sentence range for vehicular homicide committed while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug as defined by RCW 46.61.502 for each prior offense as defined in RCW 46.61.5055. All enhancements under this subsection shall be mandatory, shall be served in total confinement, and shall run consecutively to all other sentencing provisions.
- (8)(a) The following additional times shall be added to the standard sentence range for felony crimes committed on or after July 1, 2006, if the offense was committed with sexual motivation, as that term is defined in RCW 9.94A.030. If the offender is being sentenced for more than one offense, the sexual motivation enhancement must be added to the total period of total confinement for all offenses, regardless of which underlying offense is subject to a sexual motivation enhancement. If the offender committed the offense with sexual motivation and the offender is being sentenced for an anticipatory offense under chapter 9A.28 RCW, the following additional times shall be added to the standard sentence range determined under subsection (2) of this section based on the felony crime of conviction as classified under RCW 9A.28.020:
- 31 (i) Two years for any felony defined under the law as a class A 32 felony or with a statutory maximum sentence of at least twenty years, 33 or both;
  - (ii) Eighteen months for any felony defined under any law as a class B felony or with a statutory maximum sentence of ten years, or both;
- 37 (iii) One year for any felony defined under any law as a class C 38 felony or with a statutory maximum sentence of five years, or both;
  - (iv) If the offender is being sentenced for any sexual motivation enhancements under (a)(i), (ii), and/or (iii) of this subsection and

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the offender has previously been sentenced for any sexual motivation enhancements on or after July 1, 2006, under (a)(i), (ii), and/or (iii) of this subsection, all sexual motivation enhancements under this subsection shall be twice the amount of the enhancement listed;

- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all sexual motivation enhancements under this subsection are mandatory, shall be served in total confinement, and shall run consecutively to all other sentencing provisions, including other sexual motivation enhancements, for all offenses sentenced under this chapter. However, whether or not a mandatory minimum term has expired, an offender serving a sentence under this subsection may be granted an extraordinary medical placement when authorized under RCW 9.94A.728(3);
- 14 (c) The sexual motivation enhancements in this subsection apply to all felony crimes;
  - (d) If the standard sentence range under this subsection exceeds the statutory maximum sentence for the offense, the statutory maximum sentence shall be the presumptive sentence unless the offender is a persistent offender. If the addition of a sexual motivation enhancement increases the sentence so that it would exceed the statutory maximum for the offense, the portion of the sentence representing the enhancement may not be reduced;
  - (e) The portion of the total confinement sentence which the offender must serve under this subsection shall be calculated before any earned early release time is credited to the offender;
  - (f) Nothing in this subsection prevents a sentencing court from imposing a sentence outside the standard sentence range pursuant to RCW 9.94A.535.
  - (9) An additional one-year enhancement shall be added to the standard sentence range for the felony crimes of RCW 9A.44.073, 9A.44.076, 9A.44.079, 9A.44.083, 9A.44.086, or 9A.44.089 committed on or after July 22, 2007, if the offender engaged, agreed, or offered to engage the victim in the sexual conduct in return for a fee. If the offender is being sentenced for more than one offense, the one-year enhancement must be added to the total period of total confinement for all offenses, regardless of which underlying offense is subject to the enhancement. If the offender is being sentenced for an anticipatory offense for the felony crimes of RCW 9A.44.073, 9A.44.076, 9A.44.079, 9A.44.083, 9A.44.086, or 9A.44.089, and the offender attempted, solicited another, or conspired to engage, agree,

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or offer to engage the victim in the sexual conduct in return for a fee, an additional one-year enhancement shall be added to the standard sentence range determined under subsection (2) of this section. For purposes of this subsection, "sexual conduct" means sexual intercourse or sexual contact, both as defined in chapter 9A.44 RCW.

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- (10)(a) For a person age eighteen or older convicted of any criminal street gang-related felony offense for which the person compensated, threatened, or solicited a minor in order to involve the minor in the commission of the felony offense, the standard sentence range is determined by locating the sentencing grid sentence range defined by the appropriate offender score and the seriousness level of the completed crime, and multiplying the range by one hundred twenty-five percent. If the standard sentence range under this subsection exceeds the statutory maximum sentence for the offense, the statutory maximum sentence is the presumptive sentence unless the offender is a persistent offender.
- (b) This subsection does not apply to any criminal street gangrelated felony offense for which involving a minor in the commission of the felony offense is an element of the offense.
- (c) The increased penalty specified in (a) of this subsection is unavailable in the event that the prosecution gives notice that it will seek an exceptional sentence based on an aggravating factor under RCW 9.94A.535.
- (11) An additional twelve months and one day shall be added to the standard sentence range for a conviction of attempting to elude a police vehicle as defined by RCW 46.61.024, if the conviction included a finding by special allegation of endangering one or more persons under RCW 9.94A.834.
- 30 (12) An additional twelve months shall be added to the standard 31 sentence range for an offense that is also a violation of RCW 32 9.94A.831.
- (13) An additional twelve months shall be added to the standard 33 sentence range for vehicular homicide committed while under the 34 influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug as defined by RCW 35 36 46.61.520 or for vehicular assault committed while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug as defined by RCW 37 46.61.522, or for any felony driving under the influence (RCW 38 46.61.502(6)) or felony physical control under the influence (RCW 39 46.61.504(6)) for each child passenger under the age of sixteen who 40

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- is an occupant in the defendant's vehicle. These enhancements shall be mandatory, shall be served in total confinement, and shall run consecutively to all other sentencing provisions. If the addition of a minor child enhancement increases the sentence so that it would exceed the statutory maximum for the offense, the portion of the sentence representing the enhancement may not be reduced.
- 7 (14) An additional twelve months shall be added to the standard 8 sentence range for an offense that is also a violation of RCW 9 9.94A.832.
- **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.94A.535 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 35 s 37 are each 11 amended to read as follows:

The court may impose a sentence outside the standard sentence range for an offense if it finds, considering the purpose of this chapter, that there are substantial and compelling reasons justifying an exceptional sentence. Facts supporting aggravated sentences, other than the fact of a prior conviction, shall be determined pursuant to the provisions of RCW 9.94A.537.

Whenever a sentence outside the standard sentence range is imposed, the court shall set forth the reasons for its decision in written findings of fact and conclusions of law. A sentence outside the standard sentence range shall be a determinate sentence.

If the sentencing court finds that an exceptional sentence outside the standard sentence range should be imposed, the sentence is subject to review only as provided for in RCW 9.94A.585(4).

A departure from the standards in RCW 9.94A.589 (1) and (2) governing whether sentences are to be served consecutively or concurrently is an exceptional sentence subject to the limitations in this section, and may be appealed by the offender or the state as set forth in RCW 9.94A.585 (2) through (6).

(1) Mitigating Circumstances - Court to Consider

The court may impose an exceptional sentence below the standard range if it finds that mitigating circumstances are established by a preponderance of the evidence. The following are illustrative only and are not intended to be exclusive reasons for exceptional sentences.

36 (a) To a significant degree, the victim was an initiator, willing 37 participant, aggressor, or provoker of the incident.

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1 (b) Before detection, the defendant compensated, or made a good 2 faith effort to compensate, the victim of the criminal conduct for 3 any damage or injury sustained.

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- (c) The defendant committed the crime under duress, coercion, threat, or compulsion insufficient to constitute a complete defense but which significantly affected his or her conduct.
- (d) The defendant, with no apparent predisposition to do so, was induced by others to participate in the crime.
- 9 (e) The defendant's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of 10 his or her conduct, or to conform his or her conduct to the 11 requirements of the law, was significantly impaired. Voluntary use of 12 drugs or alcohol is excluded.
- 13 (f) The offense was principally accomplished by another person 14 and the defendant manifested extreme caution or sincere concern for 15 the safety or well-being of the victim.
  - (g) The operation of the ((multiple offense)) consecutive or concurrent sentence policy of RCW 9.94A.589(1) or 9.94A.533 (3) or (4) results in a presumptive sentence that is clearly excessive ((in light of the purpose of this chapter, as expressed in RCW 9.94A.010)). A sentence based on this factor must include a period of confinement that equals or exceeds the minimum presumptive sentence for the most serious current offense. For purposes of this subsection (1)(g):
  - (i) The "most serious current offense" is determined by comparing the bottom of the presumptive sentence ranges for each offense, including any enhancements applicable to that offense, using an offender score based on prior offenses and other current offenses that are not the same criminal conduct as defined in RCW 9.94A.589(1)(a).
- 30 <u>(ii) A sentence is "clearly excessive" if the presumptive</u> 31 <u>sentence does not accurately reflect the offender's culpability</u> 32 <u>because of one or more of the following factors:</u>
- 33 (A) The difference between the effects of one criminal act and
  34 the cumulative effects of all the criminal acts is nonexistent,
  35 trivial, or trifling; and
- 36 <u>(B) The offender was convicted of multiple offenses against a</u>
  37 <u>single victim, arising from a single act, or arising from a series of</u>
  38 acts within a short time.

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(h) The defendant or the defendant's children suffered a continuing pattern of physical or sexual abuse by the victim of the offense and the offense is a response to that abuse.

- (i) The defendant was making a good faith effort to obtain or provide medical assistance for someone who is experiencing a drug-related overdose.
- (j) The current offense involved domestic violence, as defined in RCW 10.99.020, and the defendant suffered a continuing pattern of coercion, control, or abuse by the victim of the offense and the offense is a response to that coercion, control, or abuse.
- 11 (2) Aggravating Circumstances Considered and Imposed by the 12 Court

The trial court may impose an aggravated exceptional sentence without a finding of fact by a jury under the following circumstances:

- (a) The defendant and the state both stipulate that justice is best served by the imposition of an exceptional sentence outside the standard range, and the court finds the exceptional sentence to be consistent with and in furtherance of the interests of justice and the purposes of the sentencing reform act.
- (b) The defendant's prior unscored misdemeanor or prior unscored foreign criminal history results in a presumptive sentence that is clearly too lenient in light of the purpose of this chapter, as expressed in RCW 9.94A.010.
- (c) The defendant has committed multiple current offenses and the defendant's high offender score results in some of the current offenses going unpunished.
- (d) The failure to consider the defendant's prior criminal history which was omitted from the offender score calculation pursuant to RCW 9.94A.525 results in a presumptive sentence that is clearly too lenient.
- 32 (3) Aggravating Circumstances Considered by a Jury Imposed by 33 the Court
  - Except for circumstances listed in subsection (2) of this section, the following circumstances are an exclusive list of factors that can support a sentence above the standard range. Such facts should be determined by procedures specified in RCW 9.94A.537.
- 38 (a) The defendant's conduct during the commission of the current 39 offense manifested deliberate cruelty to the victim.

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1 (b) The defendant knew or should have known that the victim of 2 the current offense was particularly vulnerable or incapable of 3 resistance.

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- (c) The current offense was a violent offense, and the defendant knew that the victim of the current offense was pregnant.
- 6 (d) The current offense was a major economic offense or series of 7 offenses, so identified by a consideration of any of the following 8 factors:
- 9 (i) The current offense involved multiple victims or multiple 10 incidents per victim;
- 11 (ii) The current offense involved attempted or actual monetary 12 loss substantially greater than typical for the offense;
- 13 (iii) The current offense involved a high degree of 14 sophistication or planning or occurred over a lengthy period of time; 15 or
- 16 (iv) The defendant used his or her position of trust, confidence, 17 or fiduciary responsibility to facilitate the commission of the 18 current offense.
  - (e) The current offense was a major violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 69.50 RCW (VUCSA), related to trafficking in controlled substances, which was more onerous than the typical offense of its statutory definition: The presence of ANY of the following may identify a current offense as a major VUCSA:
- 24 (i) The current offense involved at least three separate 25 transactions in which controlled substances were sold, transferred, 26 or possessed with intent to do so;
  - (ii) The current offense involved an attempted or actual sale or transfer of controlled substances in quantities substantially larger than for personal use;
- 30 (iii) The current offense involved the manufacture of controlled 31 substances for use by other parties;
- (iv) The circumstances of the current offense reveal the offender to have occupied a high position in the drug distribution hierarchy;
- (v) The current offense involved a high degree of sophistication or planning, occurred over a lengthy period of time, or involved a broad geographic area of disbursement; or
- (vi) The offender used his or her position or status to facilitate the commission of the current offense, including positions of trust, confidence or fiduciary responsibility (e.g., pharmacist, physician, or other medical professional).

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1 (f) The current offense included a finding of sexual motivation 2 pursuant to RCW 9.94A.835.

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- (g) The offense was part of an ongoing pattern of sexual abuse of the same victim under the age of eighteen years manifested by multiple incidents over a prolonged period of time.
- (h) The current offense involved domestic violence, as defined in RCW 10.99.020, or stalking, as defined in RCW 9A.46.110, and one or more of the following was present:
- 9 (i) The offense was part of an ongoing pattern of psychological, 10 physical, or sexual abuse of a victim or multiple victims manifested 11 by multiple incidents over a prolonged period of time;
  - (ii) The offense occurred within sight or sound of the victim's or the offender's minor children under the age of eighteen years; or
- 14 (iii) The offender's conduct during the commission of the current 15 offense manifested deliberate cruelty or intimidation of the victim.
- 16 (i) The offense resulted in the pregnancy of a child victim of 17 rape.
  - (j) The defendant knew that the victim of the current offense was a youth who was not residing with a legal custodian and the defendant established or promoted the relationship for the primary purpose of victimization.
- (k) The offense was committed with the intent to obstruct or impair human or animal health care or agricultural or forestry research or commercial production.
  - (1) The current offense is trafficking in the first degree or trafficking in the second degree and any victim was a minor at the time of the offense.
- 28 (m) The offense involved a high degree of sophistication or 29 planning.
- 30 (n) The defendant used his or her position of trust, confidence, 31 or fiduciary responsibility to facilitate the commission of the 32 current offense.
- 33 (o) The defendant committed a current sex offense, has a history 34 of sex offenses, and is not amenable to treatment.
  - (p) The offense involved an invasion of the victim's privacy.
- 36 (q) The defendant demonstrated or displayed an egregious lack of remorse.
- 38 (r) The offense involved a destructive and foreseeable impact on 39 persons other than the victim.

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(s) The defendant committed the offense to obtain or maintain his or her membership or to advance his or her position in the hierarchy of an organization, association, or identifiable group.

- (t) The defendant committed the current offense shortly after being released from incarceration.
- (u) The current offense is a burglary and the victim of the burglary was present in the building or residence when the crime was committed.
- (v) The offense was committed against a law enforcement officer who was performing his or her official duties at the time of the offense, the offender knew that the victim was a law enforcement officer, and the victim's status as a law enforcement officer is not an element of the offense.
- 14 (w) The defendant committed the offense against a victim who was 15 acting as a good samaritan.
  - (x) The defendant committed the offense against a public official or officer of the court in retaliation of the public official's performance of his or her duty to the criminal justice system.
  - (y) The victim's injuries substantially exceed the level of bodily harm necessary to satisfy the elements of the offense. This aggravator is not an exception to RCW 9.94A.530(2).
  - (z)(i)(A) The current offense is theft in the first degree, theft in the second degree, possession of stolen property in the first degree, or possession of stolen property in the second degree; (B) the stolen property involved is metal property; and (C) the property damage to the victim caused in the course of the theft of metal property is more than three times the value of the stolen metal property, or the theft of the metal property creates a public hazard.
  - (ii) For purposes of this subsection, "metal property" means commercial metal property, private metal property, or nonferrous metal property, as defined in RCW 19.290.010.
  - (aa) The defendant committed the offense with the intent to directly or indirectly cause any benefit, aggrandizement, gain, profit, or other advantage to or for a criminal street gang as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, its reputation, influence, or membership.
  - (bb) The current offense involved paying to view, over the internet in violation of RCW 9.68A.075, depictions of a minor engaged in an act of sexually explicit conduct as defined in RCW 9.68A.011(4) (a) through (g).

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- 1 (cc) The offense was intentionally committed because the 2 defendant perceived the victim to be homeless, as defined in RCW 3 9.94A.030.
- (dd) The current offense involved a felony crime against persons, 4 for assault in the third degree pursuant to 5 RCW 6 9A.36.031(1)(k), that occurs in a courtroom, jury room, judge's 7 chamber, or any waiting area or corridor immediately adjacent to a courtroom, jury room, or judge's chamber. This subsection shall apply 8 only: (i) During the times when a courtroom, jury room, or judge's 9 chamber is being used for judicial purposes during court proceedings; 10 11 and (ii) if signage was posted in compliance with RCW 2.28.200 at the 12 time of the offense.
- (ee) During the commission of the current offense, the defendant was driving in the opposite direction of the normal flow of traffic on a multiple lane highway, as defined by RCW 46.04.350, with a posted speed limit of forty-five miles per hour or greater.
  - Sec. 3. RCW 9.94A.589 and 2002 c 175 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

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- (1)(a) Except as provided in (b) or (c) of this subsection, whenever a person is to be sentenced for two or more current offenses, the sentence range for each current offense shall be determined by using all other current and prior convictions as if they were prior convictions for the purpose of the offender score: PROVIDED, That if the court enters a finding that some or all of the current offenses encompass the same criminal conduct then those current offenses shall be counted as one crime. Sentences imposed under this subsection shall be served concurrently. Consecutive sentences may only be imposed under the exceptional sentence provisions of RCW 9.94A.535. "Same criminal conduct," as used in this subsection, means two or more crimes that require the same criminal intent, are committed at the same time and place, and involve the same victim. This definition applies in cases involving vehicular assault or vehicular homicide even if the victims occupied the same vehicle.
- (b) Whenever a person is convicted of two or more serious violent offenses arising from separate and distinct criminal conduct, the standard sentence range for the <u>most severe</u> offense ((with the highest seriousness level under RCW 9.94A.515)) shall be determined using the offender's prior convictions and other current convictions

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that are not serious violent offenses in the offender score and the standard sentence range for other serious violent offenses shall be determined by using an offender score of zero. The standard sentence range for any offenses that are not serious violent offenses shall be determined according to (a) of this subsection. All sentences imposed under (b) of this subsection shall be served consecutively to each other and concurrently with sentences imposed under (a) of this subsection. For purposes of this subsection (1)(b), the "most severe offense" is the serious violent offense that has the highest sentence range for an offender score computed using the offender's prior convictions and current convictions that are not serious violent offenses.

- (c) If an offender is convicted under RCW 9.41.040 for unlawful possession of a firearm in the first or second degree and for the felony crimes of theft of a firearm or possession of a stolen firearm, or both, the standard sentence range for each of these current offenses shall be determined by using all other current and prior convictions, except other current convictions for the felony crimes listed in this subsection (1)(c), as if they were prior convictions. The offender shall serve consecutive sentences for each conviction of the felony crimes listed in this subsection (1)(c), and for each firearm unlawfully possessed.
- (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, whenever a person while under sentence for conviction of a felony commits another felony and is sentenced to another term of confinement, the latter term shall not begin until expiration of all prior terms.
- (b) Whenever a second or later felony conviction results in community supervision with conditions not currently in effect, under the prior sentence or sentences of community supervision the court may require that the conditions of community supervision contained in the second or later sentence begin during the immediate term of community supervision and continue throughout the duration of the consecutive term of community supervision.
- (3) Subject to subsections (1) and (2) of this section, whenever a person is sentenced for a felony that was committed while the person was not under sentence for conviction of a felony, the sentence shall run concurrently with any felony sentence which has been imposed by any court in this or another state or by a federal court subsequent to the commission of the crime being sentenced

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unless the court pronouncing the current sentence expressly orders that they be served consecutively.

- (4) Whenever any person granted probation under RCW 9.95.210 or 9.92.060, or both, has the probationary sentence revoked and a prison sentence imposed, that sentence shall run consecutively to any sentence imposed pursuant to this chapter, unless the court pronouncing the subsequent sentence expressly orders that they be served concurrently.
- (5) In the case of consecutive sentences, all periods of total confinement shall be served before any partial confinement, community restitution, community supervision, or any other requirement or conditions of any of the sentences. Except for exceptional sentences as authorized under RCW 9.94A.535, if two or more sentences that run consecutively include periods of community supervision, the aggregate of the community supervision period shall not exceed twenty-four months.

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