

**SGC Position on Legislative Bills  
2025 Legislative Session  
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| <b>Bill Proposal</b>  | <b>Position</b> | <b>SGC Comments or Concerns</b>  |
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| HB 1091 - Concerning sexually violent predators' ineligibility to earn supervision compliance credit.   | CON             |  |
| SHB 1101 - Concerning vehicular homicide offenses.  | CON             |  |
| HB 1111 - Concerning the indeterminate sentence review board.   | PRO             |  |
| HB 1113 - Concerning supervision compliance credit.   | PRO             |  |
| HB 1119 - Concerning supervision compliance credit.   | PRO             | Concern: blanket exclusion of sentencing alternatives can cause unintended consequences. Citing sentencing alternative specifically denotes Legislative intention. |
| HB 1125/SB 5269 - Providing judicial discretion to modify sentences in the interests of justice.  | PRO             |  |
| HB 1131 - Concerning clemency and pardons   | PRO             |  |
| HB 1137 - Establishing uniform policies and procedures within department of corrections facilities relating to disciplinary proceedings and administrative segregation. | PRO             |  |
| HB 1139 - Promoting public safety and deterring unlawful firearm possession by increasing criminal penalties for unlawful possession of a firearm.                      | CON             |  |
| HB 1149/SB 5376 - Preventing cruelty to animals.  | CON             | Related to Section 7 only:<br>- incongruent w/previous SGC unranked recommendations (Animal Fighting @ SL 3)<br>- Incongruent w/other SL 4 offenses                |
| HB 1152 - Enhancing public safety by establishing secure storage requirements for firearms in vehicles and residences.  | CON             | Unsure if offenses contained in Section 1 are same as those that already exist in Section 4.   |
| HB 1161 - Establishing the veteran employability training and career advancement for reentry program.   | PRO             |  |
| HB 1166 - Establishing the providing effective education for reentry success act.   | PRO             |  |

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| <b>HB 1169 - Concerning offenses involving fabricated depictions of minors.</b>  | <b>CON</b>      | SGC is concerned this may create a 1st Amendment issue. The result of the US Supreme Court case 2003 Ashcroft vs Free Speech Coalition determined that one cannot criminalize fake child pornography. Without being an identifiable minor, it may run afoul of the 1st Amendment. SGC suggests this be investigated first to make sure there is no constitutional conflict. Using common law to define obscene is not a workable definition. |
| <b>HB 1178 - Concerning sentencing enhancements.</b>   | <b>PRO</b>      |  |
| <b>HB 1180 - Implementing certain recommendations from the sex offender policy board concerning the criminal offense of failure to register.</b>   | <b>PRO</b>      |  |
| <b>HB 1229 - Resentencing of individuals sentenced as a persistent offender.</b>   | <b>PRO</b>      |  |
| <b>HB 1274/SB 5715 - Concerning retroactively applying the requirement to exclude certain juvenile convictions from an offender score regardless of the date of the offense.</b>               | <b>PRO</b>      |  |
| <b>HB 1276 - Concerning organized retail theft.</b>  | <b>CON</b>      | An avenue to address the issues proposed under the enhancement already exists under RCW 9.94A.535(3)(d)(i-iii).  |
| <b>SHB 1317 – Concerning persons serving long sentences for offenses committed prior to reaching 21 years of age.</b>  | <b>PRO</b>      |  |
| <b>HB 1322/SB 5296 - Improving outcomes for individuals adjudicated of juvenile offenses by increasing opportunities for community placement options and refining procedural requirements.</b> | <b>PRO</b>      |  |
| <b>HB 1378/SB 5333 - Concerning penalties related to eluding police vehicles and resisting arrest.</b>   | <b>CON</b>      |  |

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| 2SHB 1391 – Improving developmentally appropriate alternatives for youth outside the formal court process. | PRO             |   |
| SHB 1499 – Concerning legal financial obligations  | PRO             |   |
| HB 1668 - Concerning community custody.  | CON             | Disparity created by increasing Escape from Community Custody to a seriousness level higher than Escape 1   |
| HB 1815 - Concerning prison riot offenses.   | PRO             |   |
| SHB 1917 - Concerning management of individuals who are placed in juvenile rehabilitation institutions.    | CON             |   |
| SSB 5005 – Concerning the city, county, and regional jail system in WA.                                    | PRO             |   |
| SB 5094 - Concerning sexually explicit depictions of minors.   | CON             | SGC is concerned this may create a 1st Amendment issue. The result of the US Supreme Court case 2003 Ashcroft vs Free Speech Coalition determined that one cannot criminalize fake child pornography. Without being an identifiable minor, it may run afoul of the 1st Amendment. SGC suggests this be investigated first to make sure there is no constitutional conflict.   |
| SB 5105 - Concerning offenses involving fabricated depictions of minors.                                   | CON             | SGC is concerned this may create a 1st Amendment issue. The result of the US Supreme Court case 2003 Ashcroft vs Free Speech Coalition determined that one cannot criminalize fake child pornography. Without being an identifiable minor, it may run afoul of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Amendment. SGC suggests this be investigated first to make sure there is no constitutional conflict.<br><br>Using common law to define obscene is not a workable definition. |
| SB 5133 - Concerning departures from the guidelines for caregiver status.                                  | PRO             |   |

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| SB 5152/HB 1606 - Concerning state employee access to peer-reviewed journals.  | PRO             |  |
| ESSB 5219 – Concerning partial confinement eligibility and alignment.  | PRO             |  |
| HB 5227 - Concerning offenses involving child sex dolls.   | OTH             | Concerns: consider proportionality of the punishment with other offenses, especially other similarly ranked sex offenses. Mfg of a Sex Doll offense should be considered more serious than the other new offenses. |
| SB 5260 - Concerning emergency measures for managing juvenile populations at state juvenile correctional institutions.   | CON             |  |
| SB 5266 - Concerning the indeterminate sentence review board.  | PRO             |  |
| SSB 5268 - Imposing community custody after a conviction for unlawful possession of a firearm<br><del>Classifying unlawful possession of a firearm as a violent offense.</del> | PRO             | Concern: Supports change to UPFA 1, however, would like specificity on when to apply for UPFA 2 regarding offenses in criminal history.  |
| SB 5278 - Concerning emergency measures for managing juvenile populations at state juvenile correctional institutions.   | CON             |  |
| SB 5366 – Concerning exceptional sentences for offenses which result in the pregnancy of a victim of rape.   | OTHR            | Legislators should consider if this aggravating factor should be included in the list of offenses under RCW 9.94A.537(4) for when a trial court may conduct a separate proceeding.                                 |
| SB 5715 - Concerning retroactively applying the requirement to exclude certain juvenile convictions from an offender score regardless of the date of the offense.              | PRO             |  |