

SHB 1562 - S AMD TO WM COMM AMD (S-2952.1/23) **412**
By Senator Padden

1 Beginning on page 1, line 3, strike all of section 1 and insert
2 the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that unlawful
4 possession of a firearm is a useful tool to keep firearms out of the
5 hands of people intent on using firearms unlawfully to cause harm to
6 others, especially to intimate partners and family members.
7 Reasonable efforts should be made to ensure that victims, survivors,
8 and witnesses of crimes have the ability to receive notice regarding
9 the perpetrators ability to access firearms and to be fully informed
10 of a change in their case. Prohibitions on possessing firearms should
11 only follow conviction of a crime that shows a person has given up
12 their constitutional right by showing a propensity to unlawful
13 behavior by committing serious crimes. Additionally, caution should
14 be taken to ensure that victims and those in fear of being victims of
15 violence should have the ability to access protection and to defend
16 themselves. The rights preserved to the people in the constitutional
17 Bill of Rights should be thoughtfully and carefully preserved and,
18 when they are abused, should be removed with equal thought and
19 preservation.

20 (2) For crimes that logically lead to violence, especially
21 domestic violence, such as stalking and harassment and assault, the
22 legislature finds that there should be a process to ensure that the
23 person convicted of a crime has taken the opportunity to be
24 rehabilitated and to no longer be a threat before a restoration of
25 rights to possess firearms. The legislature finds that there should
26 be appropriate checks and balances and processes in place to ensure
27 that a person who has their rights restored is no longer a threat.
28 The legislature finds that those who have fully participated in the
29 criminal justice system and have shown a desire to act as responsible
30 members of society should have the opportunity to have their rights
31 restored."

EFFECT: Amends the intent section.

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