
SENATE BILL 5013

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By Senators Nelson and Amondson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the authority of the attorney general to
2 investigate and prosecute crimes upon the request of a victim; and
3 amending RCW 43.10.232.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.10.232 and 1986 c 257 s 16 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The attorney general shall have concurrent authority and power
8 with the prosecuting attorneys to investigate crimes and initiate and
9 conduct prosecutions upon the request of or with the concurrence of any
10 of the following:

11 (a) The county prosecuting attorney of the jurisdiction in which
12 the offense has occurred;

13 (b) The governor of the state of Washington; ~~((or))~~

14 (c) A majority of the committee charged with the oversight of the
15 organized crime intelligence unit; or

16 (d) A victim of a crime, if the prosecuting attorney of the county
17 in which the offense occurred has declined prosecution of the victim's
18 case.

1 (2) Such request or concurrence shall be communicated in writing to
2 the attorney general.

3 (3) Prior to any prosecution by the attorney general under this
4 section, the attorney general and the county in which the offense
5 occurred shall reach an agreement regarding the payment of all costs,
6 including expert witness fees, and defense attorneys' fees associated
7 with any such prosecution.

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