

# HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

## HB 1179

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**Title:** An act relating to the indeterminate sentence review board.

**Brief Description:** Extending the existence of the indeterminate sentence review board.

**Sponsors:** Representative Quall

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

**Staff:** Yvonne Walker (786-7841)

**Background:** The Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB) consists of up to seven members appointed by the Governor and ratified by the Legislature. The Governor designates one of the board members to serve as chairperson.

Today, a convicted offender receives a determinate sentence in Washington. However, prior to July 1, 1984, an offender who committed a crime received a indeterminate sentence. During that time span, an offender convicted by the Superior Court of Washington and sentenced to an institution was placed under the authority of the ISRB.

At least 700 felons remain under the supervision of the ISRB for release and continued supervision to the end of his or her maximum term, or until granted a final discharge from supervision of the board. The Board establishes the minimum prison sentence, evaluates readiness for parole release, sets conditions of parole release and returns offenders to prison for violations of their conditions of release.

ISRB will cease to exist at midnight, June 30, 1998.

**Summary:** The existence of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board continues to operate for an additional ten years. The board will cease to exist on June 30, 2008.

**Require the Exercise of Rule- Making Powers:** No

**Fiscal Note:** Received on February 4, 1997.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.