

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 1844

Title: An act relating to a study of released prisoners.

Brief Description: Studying effects of released prisoners on the counties.

Sponsors: Representatives Schindler, O'Brien, Cairnes, Gombosky, Crouse, Wood, B. Chandler, Cox, Benson, Sump, Hurst, McMorris, Lovick and D. Sommers.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

Staff: Jean Ann Quinn (786-7310).

Background:

Offenders are released from Department of Corrections correctional facilities under a variety of circumstances, including upon expiration of the sentence, upon an order of parole by the Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board, as a result of earned early release time, or with varying degrees of community supervision for a fixed period of time, such as under a term of community custody or community placement.

Summary:

The Washington State Institute for Public Policy is required to conduct a study to determine: (1) the counties that have a disproportionate share of released prisoners; (2) the recidivism rate in these counties as compared to other counties; and (3) the cost impact of criminal justice and treatment services. Findings must be reported to the Legislature by January 1, 2000. The sum of up to \$25,000 is appropriated for the study for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 10, 1999.

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

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