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By Representatives O'Brien, Ballasiotes, Conway, Hankins, Ogden, Cairnes, Wood, Anderson, Lovick and Mitchell

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1 AN ACT Relating to a study of inmate labor; and creating a new
2 section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) For purposes of submitting a report to
5 the legislature, the department of corrections shall conduct a study
6 of:

7 (a) The use of all categories of inmate labor within department
8 institutions and facilities in the past ten years;

9 (b) Inmate labor hours on jobs providing goods and services to
10 communities in the private sector;

11 (c) The degree to which labor currently performed by inmates was
12 previously performed in the private sector;

13 (d) Measures to prevent the use of inmate labor from displacing
14 laborers in the private sector;

15 (e) The degree to which inmate labor leads to placement of released
16 inmates in jobs similar to those they performed while inmates; and

17 (f) The use of inmate labor in geographic areas, and in career
18 areas, where there is a high level of unemployment.

1 (2) The department shall compile the results of this study in a
2 report and shall submit that report to the legislature on or before
3 December 31, 1999.

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