

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5676

As of February 12, 2001

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

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

Sponsors: Senator McCaslin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/16/01.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Staff: Fara Daun (786-7459)

Background: There is concern that counties that contain correctional facilities house a disproportionate share of released offenders and that, as a consequence, those counties may carry a disproportionate burden in costs due to these offenders.

Summary of Bill: The Washington State Institute for Public Policy must conduct a study to determine which counties retain a disproportionate share of released offenders, what the recidivism rate is in these counties compared to other counties, and the cost impact of criminal justice and treatment. The Institute must report its findings to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2002.

Appropriation: \$25,000

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 12, 2001.

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