

SSB 5294 - S AMD 85  
By Senator Padden

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1 On page 2, beginning on line 28, after "purpose," strike all  
2 material through "ombuds" on line 29 and insert "the office of the  
3 corrections ombuds is funded through the office of the state auditor"

4 On page 3, beginning on line 1, strike all of section 3

5 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
6 internal references accordingly.

7 On page 5, line 19, after "(1)" strike "The" and insert "Subject  
8 to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific  
9 purpose, the"

10 On page 7, line 6, after "(b)" insert "Prior to filing a  
11 complaint with the ombuds, an inmate shall have reasonably pursued  
12 resolution of the complaint through the internal grievance process  
13 with the department of corrections. However, in no event may an  
14 inmate be prevented from filing a complaint more than ninety days  
15 after filing an internal grievance, regardless of whether the  
16 department has completed the grievance process. This subsection  
17 (2)(b) does not apply to complaints related to threats of bodily harm  
18 including, but not limited to, sexual or physical assaults or the  
19 denial of necessary medical treatment.

20 (c)"

21 Reletter the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any  
22 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Removes the requirement that the Governor appoint a central corrections ombuds, thereby clarifying that all duties of the corrections ombuds will be the responsibility of the Office of Corrections Ombuds identified by the State Auditor's office; clarifies appropriations provisions relating to the Office of Corrections Ombuds; and requires an inmate to exhaust the internal

grievance procedure with DOC prior to filing a complaint with the ombuds.

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