HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2263

As Reported By House Committee on: Human Services

Title: An act relating to references to state correctional facilities.

Brief Description: Correcting references to state correctional facilities.

Sponsor(s): Representatives Hargrove, Winsley, Prentice, H. Myers, Ludwig, Tate, Morris, Riley, Leonard and Orr; by request of Department of Corrections.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on: Human Services, January 20, 1992, DPS.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Leonard, Chair; Riley, Vice Chair; Winsley, Ranking Minority Member; Tate, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Anderson; Beck; Brekke; Hargrove; Hochstatter; R. King; and H. Myers.

Staff: Antonio Sanchez (786-7383).

Background: Current state statute referencing state correctional facilities and the Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, contain inaccurate and outdated terminology. This includes the use of references to the state penitentiary, a restricted definition of state correctional institutions that lists each correctional facility by name, masculine only gender references, and reference to the no longer existing Board of Prison Terms and Paroles.

Summary of Substitute Bill: References to correctional facilities by the title of the facility in the definition and reference to "the state penitentiary" are replaced with the accurate reference to "a/the state correctional facility." All references to the "Board of Prison Terms and Parole" are eliminated and replaced with reference to the "Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board." Other technical changes are made.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The substitute bill eliminates a technical error that causes the bill to reference itself.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: The language changes will serve to update and clarify current law.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Janet Barbour, DOC.