

1 **2SHB 2010** - H AMD 646 ADOPTED 4/7/95

2 By Representative Robertson and others

3 On page 28, after line 6, insert the following

4 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. The legislature finds that the high and
5 rising cost of housing inmates in prison has placed an extreme
6 burden on taxpayers. The legislature further finds that building
7 new prisons and expanding existing prison facilities should not be
8 the only option considered for dealing with prison overcrowding.
9 Serious consideration should also be given to lower cost facility
10 efficiency use options such as "hot bunking" that allows prison
11 beds to be used on a scheduled rotation basis. Under a "hot
12 bunking" policy, inmates would be prohibited from spending more
13 than twelve hours per day in their cell. The remaining hours would
14 be spent away from the cell engaged in other activities, freeing up
15 the cell for use by other inmates.

16 The department of corrections shall review the concept of "hot
17 bunking" and analyze how a policy of "hot bunking" can be
18 implemented. The department shall make recommendations on "hot
19 bunking" by December 12, 1995, to the appropriate committees of the
20 house of representatives and the senate."

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22 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal
23 references accordingly.

EFFECT: Requires the Department of Corrections to review the
issue of "hot bunking" and report to appropriate committees of
the legislature by December 12, 1995.