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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2524**

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**State of Washington                      58th Legislature                      2004 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives Carrell, O'Brien, Cox, Pettigrew, Cairnes, McMahan and Santos)

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1            AN ACT Relating to creating a joint select committee to study the  
2 supervision of offenders in the community by the department of  
3 corrections; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) A joint select committee on the  
6 supervision of offenders in the community is established.

7            (2) The joint select committee shall consist of the following  
8 members:

9            (a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house  
10 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
11 representatives;

12            (b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate,  
13 appointed by the president of the senate;

14            (c) The secretary of the department of corrections, or his or her  
15 designee;

16            (d) One member appointed by the governor;

17            (e) One member representing crime victims appointed jointly by the  
18 speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
19 senate;

1 (f) One member representing local law enforcement appointed by the  
2 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;

3 (g) One member who is a community corrections officer appointed by  
4 the Washington federation of state employees; and

5 (h) One member who is an expert on mental health and co-occurring  
6 disorders appointed by an organization representing such experts.

7 (3) The joint select committee shall be chaired by a legislative  
8 member chosen by the members of the committee.

9 (4) The joint select committee shall review and make  
10 recommendations regarding changing the manner in which the department  
11 of corrections supervises offenders in the community who are in the two  
12 highest risk categories. In conducting the review, the joint select  
13 committee shall:

14 (a) Focus on maximizing public safety within available resources  
15 through an effective program of supervision; and

16 (b) Consider research on best practices regarding the supervision  
17 of offenders in the community.

18 (5) The joint select committee shall present a report of its  
19 findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate  
20 standing committees of the legislature no later than December 1, 2004.

21 (6) The joint select committee may, where feasible, consult with  
22 individuals from the public and private sector when carrying out its  
23 duties under this section.

24 (7) Nonlegislative members of the joint select committee shall  
25 serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
26 as provided in RCW 43.03.050. Legislative members of the joint select  
27 committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW  
28 44.04.120.

29 (8) Staff of the house of representatives office of program  
30 research and senate committee services shall provide staff support to  
31 the joint select committee.

32 (9) This section expires March 1, 2005.

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