
HOUSE BILL 2524

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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; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (7) Nonlegislative members of the joint select committee shall
21 serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
22 as provided in RCW 43.03.050. Legislative members of the joint select
23 committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW
24 44.04.120.

25 (8) Staff of the house of representatives office of program
26 research and senate committee services shall provide staff support to
27 the joint select committee.

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

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