

E2SSB 5070 - H AMD TO HS COMM AMD (5070-S2.E AMH HS H3165.2) **772**
By Representative Pearson

1 On page 19, after line 26, insert the following:

2 "(g)(i) The legislature finds that earned release is a
3 privilege; earned release is not an entitlement and does not create
4 a liberty interest. The legislature therefore retains the ability
5 to constrain the department's discretion with respect to awarding
6 earned release credits to any offender under the department's
7 jurisdiction.

8 (ii) For a period of twelve months beginning on the effective
9 date of this act, the department, in exercising its discretion
10 under this section, may not award earned release credits to any
11 offender who is classified a risk level A or B;"

EFFECT: Prohibits the department from awarding earned release credits to any offenders who are classified a Risk Level A or B for a period of twelve months.