

E2SSB 5070 - H AMD TO HS COMM AMD (5070-S2.E AMH HS H3165.2) **769**
By Representative Pearson

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

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

9 (ii) For a period of twelve months beginning on the effective
10 date of this act, the department, in exercising its discretion
11 under this section, may not award earned release credits to any
12 offenders convicted of a sex offense;"

EFFECT: Prohibits the department from awarding earned release credits to any offenders who have been convicted of a sex offense for a period of twelve months.