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By House Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Priest, Ross, Kristiansen, Pearson, Armstrong, Crouse, Haler, Condotta, Rodne, Hinkle, Hailey, Kretz, Warnick, Bailey, Sump, Roach, Orcutt, Newhouse, Ahern, Alexander, Skinner, Blake, McCune, Morrell, Hurst, Schindler, Walsh, Smith, Campbell, VanDeWege, Rolfes, Dunn, Barlow, Herrera, Kelley, Green, and McDonald)

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the governing authorities of
2 facilities where convicted sex offenders are confined to determine the
3 offender's immigration status and to release offenders subject to
4 deportation into the custody of federal authorities or at a federal
5 facility used to house persons awaiting deportation; amending RCW
6 72.02.100; adding a new section to chapter 72.09 RCW; and adding a new
7 section to chapter 70.48 RCW.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 The department shall determine the immigration status of every
12 felony sex offender serving a term of confinement on or after the
13 effective date of this section in an institution owned, or utilized
14 under contract, by the state. If the department determines that a sex
15 offender is unlawfully in the United States or is otherwise subject to
16 deportation, the department shall notify the appropriate federal
17 authorities. After the offender has served his or her term of
18 confinement, he or she shall be released into the custody of the
19 appropriate federal authorities.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 72.02.100 and 1988 c 143 s 5 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Any person serving a sentence for a term of confinement in a state
4 correctional facility for convicted felons, pursuant to court
5 commitment, who is thereafter released upon an order of parole of the
6 indeterminate (~~sentencing~~) sentence review board, or who is
7 discharged from custody upon expiration of sentence, or who is ordered
8 discharged from custody by a court of appropriate jurisdiction, shall
9 be entitled to retain his earnings from labor or employment while in
10 confinement and shall be supplied by the superintendent of the state
11 correctional facility with suitable and presentable clothing, the sum
12 of forty dollars for subsistence, and, except as provided in section 1
13 of this act, transportation by the least expensive method of public
14 transportation not to exceed the cost of one hundred dollars to his
15 place of residence or the place designated in his parole plan, or to
16 the place from which committed if such person is being discharged on
17 expiration of sentence, or discharged from custody by a court of
18 appropriate jurisdiction: PROVIDED, That up to sixty additional
19 dollars may be made available to the parolee for necessary personal and
20 living expenses upon application to and approval by such person's
21 community corrections officer. If in the opinion of the superintendent
22 suitable arrangements have been made to provide the person to be
23 released with suitable clothing and/or the expenses of transportation,
24 the superintendent may consent to such arrangement. If the
25 superintendent has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be
26 released has ample funds, with the exception of earnings from labor or
27 employment while in confinement, to assume the expenses of clothing,
28 transportation, or the expenses for which payments made pursuant to RCW
29 72.02.100 or 72.02.110 or any one or more of such expenses, the person
30 released shall be required to assume such expenses.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.48 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 The governing authority of a jail shall determine the immigration
34 status of every felony sex offender serving a term of confinement on or
35 after the effective date of this section in the jail. If the authority
36 determines that a sex offender is unlawfully in the United States or is
37 otherwise subject to deportation, the authority shall notify the

1 appropriate federal authorities. After the offender has served his or
2 her term of confinement, he or she shall be released into the custody
3 of the appropriate federal authorities.

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