

E2SHB 1889 - S AMD TO WM COMM AMD (S-5739.1/18) **789**
By Senator Darneille

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1 On page 1, line 20 of the amendment, after "ombuds" insert
2 "reports directly to the governor and"

3 On page 1, beginning on line 21 of the amendment, after
4 "secretary." strike all material through "governor." on line 23

5 On page 4, line 4 of the amendment, after "regarding" insert "any
6 of the following that may adversely affect the health, safety,
7 welfare, and rights of inmates"

8 On page 7, line 26 of the amendment, after "section." strike all
9 material through "office" and insert "All records exchanged and
10 communications between the office of the corrections ombuds and the
11 department to include the investigative record"

12 On page 7, line 35 of the amendment, after "(5)" insert "If the
13 ombuds believes it is necessary to reveal investigative records for
14 any of the reasons outlined in section 4 of this act, the ombuds
15 shall provide a copy of what they intend to disclose to the
16 department for review and application of legal exemptions prior to
17 releasing to any other persons."

EFFECT: The power of the Ombuds to initiate and attempt to resolve an investigation upon his or her own initiative must relate to the health, safety, welfare, or rights of inmates. All records exchanged and communications between the office of the corrections Ombuds and the department, including the investigative record, must be confidential and exempt from public disclosure. The Ombuds must provide a copy of investigative records which it intends to disclose to the public to DOC for review and application of legal exemptions prior to release. The Ombuds must report directly to the Governor. A requirement for the Ombuds to have a clearly delineated budget separate from the overall budget for the Office of the Governor is removed.

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