

2SSB 5046 - S AMD 155

By Senator Padden

NOT ADOPTED 03/03/2023

1 On page 4, after line 22, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The office of public defense, in
3 consultation with the Washington association of prosecuting
4 attorneys, shall:

5 (1) Review and evaluate prosecutor and public defender caseloads
6 regarding personal restraint petitions;

7 (2) Identify the effects of personal restraint petitions on court
8 resources; and

9 (3) Report findings and recommendations to the appropriate fiscal
10 and policy committees of the legislature not later than December 1,
11 2024."

12 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any
13 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Requires the office of public defense, in consultation with the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys, to study and evaluate the effects of personal restraint petitions on prosecutor caseloads, public defender caseloads, and court resources. Requires the office of public defense to report findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2024.

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