

PROPOSAL
PRISON SENTENCE REDUCTION OF 30 DAYS
POST EARNED RELEASE TIME CALCULATION
Sentencing Guidelines Commission
April 17, 2009

SUMMARY

This proposal would reduce all prison sentence lengths by 30 days after the earned release calculation had been made for offenses that are not Class A sex offenses or serious violent offenses.

Assumptions.

The adult jail and prison bed impacts for this bill were calculated under the following assumptions:

- Sentences are based on Sentencing Guidelines Commission Fiscal Year 2008 adult felony sentencing data, and assume no changes in crime rates, filings, plea agreement practices or sentencing volumes, *etc.* (*i.e.*, there will be an identical number of sentences each year).
- Sentences are distributed evenly by month.
- Length of stay in jail is calculated using a figure for average earned release, based on a survey of local jails by the Sentencing Guidelines Commission, the Office of Community Development and the Washington State Association of Counties.
- Bed impacts are calculated without a phase-in factor
- The prospective length of stay in prison factors in the amount of time served in jail prior to transferring to the Department of Corrections based on the average time served for specific offenses as reported by DOC.
- Sentences are discounted by the ratio of sentences to jail or prison admissions.
- Data includes all prison sentences except Death and Life Without Parole.
- It is assumed that 50% earned release time will not sunset.
- Bed Impact Method: The sentence adjustment is calculated by subtracting 30 days from the sentence total after the calculation of length of stay.

Average Monthly Population Jail and Prison Impacts
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	Fiscal Year									
	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Jail AMP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prison AMP (DOS A)	-18	-62	-71	-72	-72	-72	-72	-72	-72	-72
Prison AMP (Non-DOSA)	-118	-381	-468	-513	-527	-535	-539	-540	-542	-544
Prison AMP (Total)	-136	-443	-539	-585	-599	-607	-611	-613	-614	-616

	Fiscal Year									
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Jail AMP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prison AMP (DOS A)	-72	-72	-72	-72	-72	-72	-72	-72	-72	-72
Prison AMP (Non-DOSA)	-544	-545	-545	-545	-546	-546	-546	-546	-546	-546
Prison AMP (Total)	-616	-617	-617	-618						