Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1239 S HB	**Title:** Reentry readiness/DOC

Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Agency Name	2025-27		2027-29		2029-31	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact					
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27				2027-29				2029-31			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outloo	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Caseload Forecast Council	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Commerce	.2	6,390	6,390	6,390	.3	3,006	3,006	3,006	.3	3,006	3,006	3,006
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Department of Corrections	.0	252,000	252,000	252,000	.0	(156,000)	(156,000)	(156,000)	.0	(758,000)	(758,000)	(758,000)
Total $	**0.2**	**258,390**	**258,390**	**258,390**	**0.3**	**(152,994)**	**(152,994)**	**(152,994)**	**0.3**	**(754,994)**	**(754,994)**	**(754,994)**

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Caseload Forecast Council	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Commerce	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Children, Youth, and Families	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Corrections	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total $	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

FNPID: 76747

FNS029 Multi Agency rollup

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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FNS029 Multi Agency rollup

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1239 S HB	Title: Reentry readiness/DOC	Agency: 101-Caseload Forecast Council

Part I: Estimates

[X] **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:
NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

See attachment.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

None.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

See attachment.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

SHB 1239
PREPARING INCARCERATED PEOPLE FOR SUCCESSFUL REENTRY
101 – Caseload Forecast Council
February 3, 2026

SUMMARY

A brief description of what the measure does that has fiscal impact.

Section 1 States the legislative intent of the bill.

Section 2 Amends RCW 9.94A.729 (Earned release time—Risk assessments) by changing earned release time (ERT) allowed for any terms of confinement for a firearm enhancement, other deadly weapon enhancement, impaired driving enhancement, or minor child enhancements occurring on or after July 1, 2026.

Section 2 Additionally amends RCW 9.94A.729 by increasing the ERT rate of allowed for any terms of confinement for offenses committed on or after July 1, 2026, to be up to 33.33% of the total sentence.

Section 2 Additionally amends RCW 9.94A.729 by stating the following are ineligible for earned release time:

- A federal sentence served in the Department of Corrections' (DOC) custody;
- An out-of-state sentenced served in DOC;
- A juvenile sentence under Title 13 RCW;
- A less restrictive alternative under chapter 71.05 RCW;
- A civil commitment under chapter 10.77 RCW;
- A mandatory minimum sentence under RCW 9.94A.540;
- A persistent offender sentence under RCW 9.94A.570;
- A Special Sex Offender Sentencing Alternative under RCW 9.94A.670; and
- An Aggravated Murder in the First Degree imposed on an adult under RCW 10.95.030

Additionally, anyone qualified to earn up to 50% ERT under RCW 9.94A.729 shall not lose earned time accrued prior to July 1, 2026.

Section 3 Adds a new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW requiring DOC to establish a peer-led, survivor and recovery-informed pilot program at the Washington Corrections Center for Women and at the Washington Corrections Center. Additionally requires the Washington State Reentry Council, in collaboration with the peer support specialists and volunteers facilitating the program, to collect data and issue a preliminary report by October 1, 2027, with a final report due by June 1, 2028.

Section 4 Amends RCW 7.69.030 (Rights of victims, survivors, and witnesses) by adding the rights with respect to victims and survivors of victims in any felony case to be informed how sentences may change in the future, as required by changes to law.

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A brief description of what the measure does that has fiscal impact.
Given the above provisions:

- Individuals committing an offense committed on or after July 1, 2026, who received firearm or other deadly weapon enhancements or impaired driving enhancements, or both, are eligible for earned release time credits, and as a result, may spend less time in confinement; and
- Individuals committing an offense committed on or after July 1, 2026, for an offense that is classified as a Class A Sex or Serious Violent offense and serving their confinement at a DOC facility, may have their maximum allowed earned release time percent increased from 10% or 15% (amount depending on the date of offense) to 33.33%, and, as a result, may spend less time in confinement under the provisions of the bill.

EXPENDITURES
Assumptions.

- CFC = Caseload Forecast Council
- DOC = Department of Corrections
- FY = Fiscal Year
- Sentences are based on CFC Fiscal Year 2025 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.
- Exceptional sentences are included.
- Mentally Ill Offender Sentencing Alternative sentences which have zero correctional confinement under the current policy, have no impact to confinement capacity and were excluded.
- Special Sex Offender Sentencing Alternative sentences were excluded.
- Sex offenses sentenced under RCW 9.94A.507 were excluded.
- Life sentences were excluded.
- Earned time is not allowed for the mandatory minimum term if a mandatory minimum sentence is required. Sentences for offenses of Assault 1° and Assault of a Child 1° have mandatory minimum periods of five years where the offender used force or means likely to result in death or intended to kill the victim. The CFCs data does not contain the information to determine if a mandatory minimum term applies. CFC requested the information from DOC to determine if a mandatory minimum term applied.
- For prison sentences with a change in earned time, the estimated length of stay in prison is based on the average percentage of earned time received from the maximum allowed (90.3% for those eligible for 10%, 95.3% for those eligible for 15%, and 90.2 for those eligible for 33%), based on DOC FY25 release data provided by DOC.
- For jail sentences with enhancements that are estimated to have a reduced length of stay, the average percent of sentence served estimated is 72%.
- No impacts are assumed for jail bed savings associated with the change of earned time allowed for non-enhancements. Earned time for non-enhancement confinement in non-prison facilities is governed by RCW 9.92.151.
- Bed impacts are calculated with a phase-in factor for the multiple offense categories as the bill excludes retrospective application and is based on the date of offense.
- Bed impacts are prospective only.

Impact on the Caseload Forecast Council.
None.

Prison and Jail Bed Impacts.
This bill:

- May shorten confinement time for sentences with the following enhancements: Firearm, or Other Deadly Weapon, or Impaired Driving enhancements, by allowing earned release time for enhancements. Provisions of the bill also increase the maximum earned time allowed for sentences that are currently limited to 10% or 15% to 33.33%.

The information below is provided to illustrate the prospective impact for the change in earned time rate and for the allowance of earned release time on enhancements not previously allowed earned release time based on the average time earned of eligible time provided by the Department of Corrections based on FY 25 data.

Average Monthly Population Jail and Prison Impacts
SHB 1239 - Reentry and ET
Caseload Forecast Council
February 3, 2026

	Fiscal Year									
	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33	FY34	FY35	FY36
Jail AMP	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
Prison AMP (DOSA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prison AMP (Non-DOSA)	-1	-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prison AMP (Total)	0	0	-21	-41	-61	-89	-126	-174	-224	-271

Juvenile Rehabilitation Impacts
Current statutes require individuals sentenced in adult court for an offense committed before the age of 18 to serve their confinement at a JR facility until age 25, or until release if occurring prior to age 25. As a result of provisions in the bill, certain individuals may have shorter lengths of stay in confinement. Of the total sentences impacted by the changes of the bill, there were 27 sentences for individuals that committed their offense under age 18 and are estimated to have a length of stay that would result in some bed savings to occur while the individual is serving a sentence at a JR facility.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1239 S HB	Title: Reentry readiness/DOC	Agency: 103-Department of Commerce

Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	6,390	6,390	3,006	3,006
Total $	0	6,390	6,390	3,006	3,006

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Sec. 4 (1)(o) has a minimal fiscal impact to Commerce.

Commerce's Office of Crime Victims Advocacy will be required to develop and distribute informational materials for victims and survivors of victims in felony cases explaining the sentence implementation process, including how sentences may be modified due to future changes in law. Distribution will occur through existing grant-funded victim service providers and other relevant partners. Activities will be carried out within current program structures and leverage established distribution channels.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

To implement this, office of crime victims advocacy estimates the following FTE for existing staff members, and the ability to complete this work within existing resources.

SFY 2027 Fiscal Impact – Victim Materials Implementation

For SFY 2027, the total cost to implement victim materials is $6,390.00.

Washington Management Systems 2 (WMS2) requires 50 hours of work at a rate of $122.14 (*fully loaded hourly wage), totaling $6,107.00.

WMS2 responsibilities include consulting with subject matter experts, developing materials, distributing them to grant-funded providers, facilitating 2–4 virtual meetings, and gathering/responding to grantee feedback.

Communications Consultant 4 will contribute 2 hours at $79.23/hr* ($158.00 total) to review and approve materials.

Community Specialist 1 will contribute 2 hours at $61.90/hr* ($124.00 total) to generate contact lists and track the distribution plan.

For SFY 2028 and beyond, the total cost to implement victim materials is $1503.66.

Washington Management Systems 2 (WMS2) requires 10 hours of work at a rate of $122.14*, totaling $1221.40.

WMS2 responsibilities include reviewing materials and updating them as needed, which may involve consultation with relevant subject matter experts and consideration of questions and feedback from providers.

Communications Consultant 4 will contribute 2 hours at $79.23/hr ($158.46 total) to review and approve materials.

Community Specialist 1 will contribute 2 hours at $61.90/hr ($123.80 total) to support generating the appropriate contact lists for distribution and tracking the distribution plan.

*Fully loaded rates include benefits (48% of salary) and indirect charges (31.7% of salary plus benefits).

Materials will be developed and distributed electronically, no estimated good and services expenses.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
001-1	General Fund	State	0	6,390	6,390	3,006	3,006
		Total $	0	6,390	6,390	3,006	3,006

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years		0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
A-Salaries and Wages		3,278	3,278	1,542	1,542
B-Employee Benefits		1,574	1,574	740	740
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services					
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		1,538	1,538	724	724
9-					
Total $	0	6,390	6,390	3,006	3,006

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Communications Consultant 4	84,536		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Community Specialist 1	66,071		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Washington Management System Band 2	132,932		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total FTEs			0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Community Services Division (300)		6,390	6,390	3,006	3,006
Total $		6,390	6,390	3,006	3,006

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1239 S HB	Title: Reentry readiness/DOC	Agency: 307-Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 2 amends RCW 9.94A.729 with changes to earned time release percentages for crimes committed on or before July 1, 2026, and maintains earned time release percentages for crimes committed before July 1, 2026.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

NONE

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Indeterminate.

This bill may potentially reduce the length of time a young person is committed to Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR); however, the number of individuals who will be impacted is uncertain. Therefore, the caseload forecast and per capita adjustments are unknown at this time. DCYF assumes the impact will result when the ADP caseload changes in the JR residential facilities forecast.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1239 S HB	Title: Reentry readiness/DOC	Agency: 310-Department of Corrections

Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	252,000	252,000	(156,000)	(758,000)
Total $	0	252,000	252,000	(156,000)	(758,000)

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

An act relating to preparing incarcerated people for successful reentry upon release from a correctional facility; amending RCW 9.94A.729 and 7.69.030; adding a new section to chapter 72.09 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Section 1 is a new section that describes the intent of the initiative to increase reentry readiness and joining the national Reentry 2030 initiative. It states that through this bill the legislature intends to align public policy with the goals of the Washington Statewide Reentry Council and the principles of the Washington Way program. Additionally, it recognizes the extraordinarily high sexual history and intimate partner violence victimization of incarcerated women that contributes to behaviors that result in incarceration. It is intended to address this trauma through establishment of a survivor and recovery-informed pilot program at the Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW).

Section 2 has amendments to RCW 9.94A.729 and 2022 c 29 s 1, allowing correction agencies to calculate earned release time and strikes the term “early release” replacing it with “earned release time”.

Section 2(2)(a-b) adds language that limits the exclusions of earned release time for sentencing enhancements of felony with a deadly weapon and driving under the influence with a minor child(s) to those convicted before July 1, 2026; effectively allowing earned release time on the sentencing enhancements convicted after July 1, 2026.

Section 2(7)(a) is a new subsection to allow an offender whose term of confinement is set to be completed after July 1, 2026, including sentencing enhancements under RCW 9.94A.533 other than sexual motivation enhancements, to accrue earned release time up to 33.33 percent of the total sentence. Excluding the following offenses:

- A federal sentence served in the department's custody;
- An out-of-state sentence served at the department;
- A juvenile sentence under Title 13 RCW;
- A less restrictive alternative under chapter 71.05 RCW;
- A civil commitment under chapter 10.77 RCW;
- A mandatory minimum sentence under RCW 9.94A.540;
- A persistent offender sentence under RCW 9.94A.570;
- A special sex offender sentencing alternative under RCW 2 9.94A.670; and
- An aggravated first-degree murder sentence imposed on an adult under RCW 10.95.030.

Section 2(7)(b) is a new subsection stating sentences imposed on a juvenile RCW 10.95.030 or RCW 10.95.035 may only earn earned release time, at a rate not to exceed 33.33 percent, for the portion of the sentence that exceeds the minimum term of confinement imposed by the court.

Section 2(7)(c) is a new subsection stating an offender qualified to earn up to 50 percent earned release time under RCW 9.94A.729 shall not lose earned release time accrued before July 1, 2026.

Section 3 is a new section added to chapter 72.09 RCW and set to expire June 30, 2028, establishing a peer-led, survivor and recovery-informed pilot program at WCCW and at Washington Correction Center (WCC) in Shelton. Section 3(1)(b) through Section 3(3) outline the following requirements for the pilot program:

- Shall be delivered by peer support specialists certified by the health care authority under RCW 18.420.050;
- Shall include participation and evaluation from outside volunteers as part of an in-state public university practicum and research partnership;
- Shall utilize existing resources and space at WCCW and at WCC;

- Shall limit initial cohort to a size that does not require additional Department of Corrections (DOC) staff for supervision;
- Shall collect data and submit a preliminary report by October 1, 2027 to include the number of enrollees, the program completion rate, any safety incidents or participant grievances, and reentry outcomes of program participants;
- Shall submit of a final report and data by June 1, 2028.

Section 4(1)(o) is a new subsection added to RCW 7.69.030 and 2025 c 375 s 7 that requires reasonable effort be made by the office of crime victims advocacy to provide victims and survivors of victims in any felony materials that explain the process of sentencing implementation, including how sentences may change in the future, as required by changes to law.

Effective date is assumed 90 days after the adjournment of the session in which this bill is passed.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

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Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

The DOC assumes this bill will have a fiscal impact greater than $50,000 per fiscal year (FY).

Customization of the Offender Management Network Information (OMNI) system is needed to meet the requirements of this legislation. Due to the complexity of completing the development, testing, and implementation of the statutory changes, contracted services are necessary in FY 2027.

To implement this legislation, OMNI data tables need to be updated to RCW 9.94A.525 for technical corrections.

Cost Calculation Estimate:
IT Application Developer : $185 per hour x 680 hours = $125,800
IT Business Analyst : $185 per hour x 340 hours = $ 62,900
IT Quality Assurance : $185 per hour x 340 hours = $ 62,900
Total One-Time Costs in FY 2027 is $252,000 (rounded to the nearest thousand)

This bill may shorten confinement time for sentences with the following enhancements: Firearm, or Other Deadly Weapon, or Impaired Driving enhancements, by allowing earned release time for enhancements. Provisions of the bill also increase the maximum earned time allowed for certain sentences that are currently limited to 10% or 15% to 33.33%.

The information below is provided to illustrate the prospective impact for the change in earned time rate and for the allowance of earned release time on enhancements not previously allowed earned release time based on the average time earned of eligible time provided by the DOC based on FY 25 data.

FY2027: 0 ADP X $7,424 DVC = $0
FY2028: 0 ADP X $7,424 DVC = $0
FY2029: -21 ADP X $7,424 DVC = -$156,000 (rounded to the nearest thousand)
FY2030: -41 ADP X $7,424 DVC = -$305,000
FY2031: -61 ADP X $7,424 DVC = -$453,000

Per Section 3(1), which states the pilot program shall utilize existing and available space at WCC and WCCW, Section 3(1)(d), and that the initial cohort shall be limited in size to not require additional correction staff for supervision, Section 3(1)(e), DOC assumes the pilot program to have no fiscal impact.

DOC Standard Assumptions

The estimated ADP impact to DOC prison facilities and/or community supervision/violator caseloads is based on projections from CFC.

DOC assumes a Direct Variable Cost (DVC) of $7,424 per incarcerated individual per FY to facilitate cost discussions during legislative session for bills. This cost estimate includes prison and health services' direct variable costs. It does not include staffing or dollars necessary for staffing needed at the facility outside of the living/housing units. The DVC is calculated by DOC and reviewed and approved with the Office of Financial Management, Senate and House staff each legislative session.

For illustrative purposes only, the average annual Community Supervision caseload model is $8,814 per ADP (not including startup costs), regardless of the supervised risk level based on the workload model. If ADP impacts are applicable to this fiscal note, the calculated rate per community supervision ADP includes direct supervision and ancillary units, such as Hearings, Records and Training, that are directly affected by supervision population changes. The estimate will vary based on the risk level of the supervised individuals, which requires different staffing levels. The population trend data used is based on the Risk Level Classification tool and provides a risk level of 42.8 percent high violent, 27.3 percent high non-violent, 21 percent moderate, 7.9 percent low and 1.0 percent unclassified. (June – November 2017).

DOC assumes that any increase in community supervision caseload will result in an increased need for violator beds. For illustrative purposes, the FY 2025 average percentage of supervised individuals who served jail time and were billed by the local jurisdictions for violating their conditions of supervision was a rate of 2.0 percent. The current average daily cost for jail beds is $135.56 per day, inclusive of all risk levels and healthcare costs. The rate is an average, and actual rates vary by local correctional facilities.

DOC assumes additional impacts will result when ADP caseload changes in either prison or community and resources will be necessary. DOC will evaluate the fiscal impacts and may submit future budget requests to cover these costs should the legislation be enacted into session law.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
001-1	General Fund	State	0	252,000	252,000	(156,000)	(758,000)
		Total $	0	252,000	252,000	(156,000)	(758,000)

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years					
A-Salaries and Wages					
B-Employee Benefits					
C-Professional Service Contracts		252,000	252,000		
E-Goods and Other Services				(104,000)	(507,000)
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services				(52,000)	(251,000)
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total $	0	252,000	252,000	(156,000)	(758,000)

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Administration & Support Svcs (100)		252,000	252,000		
Correctional Operations (200)				(68,000)	(333,000)
Healthcare Services (500)				(88,000)	(425,000)
Total $		252,000	252,000	(156,000)	(758,000)

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 1239 S HB	Title: Reentry readiness/DOC

Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- [ ] Cities:
- [ ] Counties:
- [ ] Special Districts:
- [ ] Specific jurisdictions only:
- [ ] Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- [X] No fiscal impacts.
- [ ] Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- [ ] Legislation provides local option:
- [ ] Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time:

Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

Part III: Preparation and Approval

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Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.

The legislation concerns changes to earned release time for various offenses, a pilot program for prisons, and a report by the Washington State Reentry Council.

Earned time for non-enhancement confinement in jails is governed by RCW 9.92.151, which states that the sentence of a prisoner confined in a county jail facility for a felony, gross misdemeanor, or misdemeanor conviction may be reduced by earned release credits in accordance with procedures that shall be developed and promulgated by the correctional agency having jurisdiction.

B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS

Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

The proposed legislation would have negligible impacts on local government expenditures. According to the Caseload Forecast Council (CFC), this bill may shorten confinement times for jail sentences with certain enhancements. CFC determined a prospective impact of a small decrease in jail population of 1 less bed on average per month across the state, starting in Fiscal Year 2028. This would result in a negligible decrease in jail expenditures for local governments.

C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS

Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

The proposed legislation would have no impact on local government revenues.

SOURCES:
Caseload Forecast Council
RCW 9.92.151