

1 **ESSB 6108** - H AMD TO H APP COMM AMD (H-5320.5/98) **1067 ADOPTED 3-4-98**
2 By Representative

3 On page 87, after line 20, insert the following:

4 **Sec. 222.** 1997 c 149 s 224 (uncodified) is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 **FOR THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION**

7	General Fund Appropriation (FY 1998)	\$	714,000
8	General Fund Appropriation (FY 1999)	\$	713,000
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$	1,427,000

9 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
10 conditions and limitations: the commission shall study the feasibility
11 and desirability of allowing certain older or physically infirm
12 offenders to be released from institutional confinement, with the
13 assumption that these released offenders would remain on community
14 custody for the remainder of their length of confinement. The study
15 shall identify: (1) groups who would be potential candidates for such
16 a program; (2) how individual offenders in these groups could be
17 screened to maintain public safety; (3) how these offenders, if
18 released, could be supervised in such a way as to maintain public
19 safety; (4) what statutory changes would be necessary to implement such
20 a program; (5) how much savings such a program would generate; and (6)
21 any other items the commission deems relevant. The study shall be
22 transmitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
23 appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature not later
24 than December 15, 1998.-

25 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively.

EFFECT: Requires the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to conduct a study of releasing certain aged or infirm offenders early from institutional confinement. Released offenders would remain on community supervision and would be supervised by the Department of Corrections.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.