

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 1934

Title: An act relating to deductions from inmates funds.

Brief Description: Specifying deductions from inmate funds.

Sponsors: Representatives Koster, Ballasiotes, Hickel, Robertson, Mitchell, Dickerson, Cairnes, Regala, Delvin, Dunn and Blalock.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

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Background: The Department of Corrections (DOC) is responsible for establishing deductions to be made from an inmate's wages to contribute to the cost of incarceration and the development of the Correctional Industries program. For example, a 35 percent deduction is withdrawn from the wages of inmates participating in a class I Correctional Industry program (private sector businesses operated in DOC) and then it is distributed as follows:

- 5 percent to the Crime Victims Compensation program;
- 10 percent to the inmate's savings account;
- 20 percent to the cost of the inmate's incarceration.

All money received by an inmate from outside of the prison is subject to the same mandatory deductions as class I industry wages.

Summary: The mandatory deduction on all money received by an inmate from outside of the prison is reduced from 35 percent to 15 percent:

- 5 percent to the Crime Victims Compensation program;
- 10 percent to the inmate's savings account.

Require the Exercise of Rule- Making Powers: No

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 19, 1997.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.