

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6741

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Adding the secretary of corrections to the organized crime advisory board.

Sponsors: Senators Horn, Fairley, Winsley and Oke; by request of Washington State Patrol.

Senate Committee on Judiciary

House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections

Background: The Department of Corrections houses persons found guilty of committing felony crimes. Some of the people that have been convicted of criminal offenses continue their illegal behavior while in prison by directing other criminals to perform illegal acts. The Department of Corrections attempts to prevent these activities through intelligence gathering that monitors the communications of all personnel and collects information on their activities. It is believed that this intelligence should be shared with other criminal justice agencies to enhance crime prevention. It has been suggested that a vital link in developing this exchange would be to include the Secretary of the Department of Corrections on the Organized Crime Advisory Board in order to establish better communications throughout the criminal justice community.

Summary: The Secretary of the Department of Corrections is added as another member to the Organized Crime Advisory Board of the state of Washington.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	44	0
House	97	0

Effective: June 8, 2000