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Sponsor(s): Senators Kohl-Welles, Long and Hargrove; by request of Sentencing Guidelines Commission

Brief Description: Authorizing the secretary of corrections to grant extraordinary medical releases to offenders when specified conditions are met.

**SB 5549 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that the secretary of corrections may authorize an extraordinary medical release for an offender when all of the following conditions exist: (1) The offender has a medical condition that is serious enough to require costly care or treatment;

(2) the offender poses a low risk to the community because he or she is physically incapacitated due to age or the medical condition; and

(3) granting the extraordinary medical release will result in a cost savings to the state.

Provides that an offender sentenced to death or to life imprisonment without the possibility of release or parole is not eligible for an extraordinary medical release under this act.

Authorizes the secretary to revoke an extraordinary medical release under this act at any time.