
**Criminal Justice & Corrections
Committee**

HB 2557

Brief Description: Authorizing collection of offenders' palmprints.

Sponsors: Representatives O'Brien, Kagi, Pearson, Lovick, Carrell, Miloscia, Moeller and Rockefeller.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the palmprinting of offenders serving jail or prison sentences.
- Requires the palmprints to be transmitted to the Washington State Patrol.

Hearing Date: 1/30/04

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

Photographs and Fingerprints

Law enforcement agencies are required to collect the photographs and fingerprints of all adults and juveniles arrested on felony or gross misdemeanor charges. Law enforcement agencies have the authority, but not the duty, to collect the photographs and fingerprints of all other lawfully arrested adults, all persons who are the subject of dependency record information, and all persons who are the subject of protection proceeding record information. The law enforcement agencies may also collect the palmprints, soleprints, toeprints, or any other identification data on all persons for whom the law enforcement agency is required or allowed to collect photographs and fingerprints when it is necessary for proper identification or the investigation of the crime with which the person is charged.

Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Samples

Every adult and juvenile convicted of a felony, stalking, harassment, or communicating with a minor for immoral purposes must have a biological sample collected from them for DNA analysis. The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is responsible for analyzing the biological sample and submitting it to the DNA identification system.

Summary of Bill:

Any adult or juvenile serving a jail or prison sentence for a felony or gross misdemeanor must be palmprinted prior to release from incarceration. The collected palmprints are to be transmitted to the WSP. The WSP is not required to accept palmprints until it has created rules regarding the acceptance of palmprints and has the resources to utilize the palmprints as part of its automated fingerprint imaging system.

City, county, or state correctional institutions are not required to comply with the palmprinting requirements if the incarcerated offender's palmprints are already recorded with any Washington law enforcement agency.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.