

**E2SSB 5070** - H AMD TO HS COMM AMD (5070-S2.E AMH HS H3165.2) **765**  
By Representative Pearson

1 On page 19, after line 26, insert the following:

2 "(g)(i) The legislature finds that earned release is a  
3 privilege; earned release is not an entitlement and does not create  
4 a liberty interest. The legislature therefore retains the ability  
5 to constrain the department's discretion with respect to awarding  
6 earned release credits to any offender under the department's  
7 jurisdiction.

8 (ii) For a period of twelve months beginning on the effective  
9 date of this act, the department, in exercising its discretion  
10 under this section, may not award earned release credits to any  
11 offenders convicted of a violent offense;"

**EFFECT:** Prohibits the department from awarding earned release credits to any offenders who have been convicted of a violent offense for a period of twelve months.