

**SB 5801 - DIGEST**

Finds that prison chaplains in Washington state are asked to meet the diverse, growing spiritual and physical needs of inmates from a variety of faith backgrounds with limited resources. Chaplaincy programs in Washington state positively impact inmate behavior, encouraging prison order and reducing prison violence. Chaplaincy programs in Washington state have a strong capacity for rehabilitation and reducing recidivism, thereby contributing to the well-being of Washington state and all Washingtonians.