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By Committee on Human Services & Corrections

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to create a pilot
4 identicard program to provide incarcerated offenders with a
5 state-issued identicard to assist and prepare each offender for release
6 from prison and reentry into the community. The legislature also finds
7 that each step that assists individuals being released from prisons
8 helps incarcerated offenders avoid predictable conditions that lead to
9 future recidivism. Reduction in recidivism makes the community safer,
10 transforms formerly incarcerated offenders into productive citizens,
11 and strengthens the family structure that surrounds each offender. The
12 goal of the pilot identicard program is to provide proper state
13 identification to offenders upon release to the community, which is
14 critical for accessing services, employment, housing, and various other
15 opportunities in the community.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 (1) By September 1, 2014, the department of licensing, working in
19 conjunction with the department of corrections, shall create and
20 implement a two-year identicard program to provide offenders with a
21 state-issued identicard pursuant to RCW 46.20.117.

22 (2) An offender is eligible for an original, renewal, or
23 replacement identicard issued under this section, provided he or she:
24 (a) Meets the department's criteria under RCW 46.20.117; (b) is under
25 the custody of the department of corrections; (c) has been sentenced to
26 an incarceration period exceeding one year and one day; and (d) is
27 incarcerated within the Monroe correctional complex or the Washington
28 corrections center for women and is within two months or less of his or
29 her release date.

1 (3) For purposes of verifying an offender's identity and meeting
2 the department's criteria required pursuant to subsection (2)(a) of
3 this section, an offender possessing a valid identification card issued
4 by the department of corrections serves as sufficient proof of identity
5 and residency for the offender to apply for and obtain a Washington
6 state identicard.

7 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 46.20.117:

8 (a) The department of licensing must waive the requirement that the
9 offender not hold a valid Washington driver's license in order to
10 receive an identicard;

11 (b) An identicard issued under this section must expire on the
12 first anniversary of the offender's birthdate after issuance; and

13 (c) The department of licensing may not charge any fee to an
14 applicant for an identicard issued under this section.

15 (5) The department of licensing, in consultation with the
16 department of corrections, shall report to the governor and the
17 appropriate committees of the legislature on the results of the pilot
18 identicard program and any recommendations for improvement by December
19 1, 2016.

20 (6) This section expires December 1, 2016."

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21 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "program;" strike the
22 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
23 46.20 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Offenders releasing from the Washington Corrections Center
for Women are added to the pilot identicard program to receive
identicards from the Department of Licensing at the time of release

from prison.

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