

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/29/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 04/29

**Vote:**

Yeas: 7 - Barker, Barton, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Post, Williamson

Exc: 2 - Greenlick, Sprenger

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes Department of Corrections (DOC) to apply for grants or other financial support for reentry services. Establishes DOC subaccount for funding received. Continuously appropriates funding in subaccount for reentry support and services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Substance of the bill
- Need for reentry support and services
- Reduction of recidivism

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Corrections currently lacks the authority to apply for federal grant funding earmarked for reentry support and services. County corrections agencies do have the authority to use grant-in-aid funds for reentry purposes.

Senate Bill 232 would allow the Department of Corrections to secure supplemental funding through federal grant application. The grant of authority is narrowly tailored, allowing for application only in the context of reentry support and services for offenders released on supervision. Examples of reentry services include jobs programs, housing assistance and drug and alcohol treatment. The bill passed unanimously out of the Senate Judiciary Committee with a 5-0 vote and passed unanimously from the Senate floor.