

Testimony in support of SB 191

Of course M11 prisoners should be eligible to earn sentence reductions!
It was very short-sighted not to allow individuals with mandatory sentences to qualify for Good Time and Parole. When prisoners are motivated to follow the rules and participate in programs, that benefits both the Dept of Corrections and the communities to which prisoners will return, as well as the prisoner.

I am quite sure there are individuals in prison with an M11 sentence who would qualify for both Good Time and Parole. There is nothing gained by their serving every minute of their mandatory sentence, funded by taxpayers, unless we are interested only in punishments and not in rehabilitation. We call it the Department of Corrections for a reason. If rehabilitation has been accomplished before the sentence is up, earlier release makes both corrections and economic sense.

Pass SB 191

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