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I support SB 320 mainly due to the fact one size does not fit all. I can see the benefits for first time offenders who have recognized their mistakes and have worked diligently to make amends for their choice and would like to be upstanding citizens to their community. I have spent time with those who were incarcerated, and I was surprised to learn there is no support or therapy in prison which would allow them to rehabilitate. Many in fact learned other criminal behaviors and schemes the longer they were exposed to it, essentially giving up all hope or incentive to improve.

What I noticed was certain individuals wanted to change and it was only by self- will and determination they improved and never wanted to return. I think until our prison system has included opportunity for actual support, counseling, and more Individuals should be recognized for there personal determination for change and offering an incentives for improvement would go along way for first time offenders and they should and could be recognized for efforts to show Real change. No situation is perfect and I do believe people should pay the price for the crime they committed but things are not as black and white as we would like them to be. My personal feeling is the bill should include more detail and perhaps be rewritten to help clarify all the details being presented.

Thank you