

HB 2036 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision to discharge a person from parole or post-prison supervision prior to the end of the supervision term for terminal illness or permanent incapacitation, if board determines discharge is in the best interests of the person and the community. Requires board to make a reasonable effort to notify victim before final discharge decision. Directs board to adopt rules.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Some care or housing facilities will not accept persons who are under supervision
- Access to resources

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces Section 2. of the measure. Allows the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision to discharge a person from parole or post-prison supervision prior to the end of the supervision term if certain factors are met for a medical condition. Eliminates "terminal illness," and specifies that being on supervision must be preventing the person from accessing a care facility, and that medical substantiation and verification from a medical professional is required. Changes the requirement for the victim's current address to the victim's current contact information be on file for notification, if the victim has requested notification. Directs the board to adopt rules for discharging persons pursuant to these parameters.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Parole's major functions include setting release dates for individuals who are eligible for parole, establishing community supervision conditions for individuals, and assessing the notification level of individuals who have offended sexually.

House Bill 2036 allows the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision to discharge a person from parole or post-prison supervision prior to the end of the supervision term if certain factors are met for a medical condition.