

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.:	SJR25
Version:	CS
Request Number:	N/A
Author:	Representative Faught
Date:	2/29/2012
Impact:	Estimated Cost Savings – DOC \$3.3 Million Annually

Research Analysis

The CS for Engrossed SJR 25 sends to a vote of the people a proposed amendment to the State Constitution that would give the Pardon and Parole Board the power to grant parole for nonviolent offenses and would require the Board to report annually to the Legislature certain information about all paroles granted.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Committee Substitute for Engrossed SJR25 authorizes the Pardon and Parole Board to grant parole to nonviolent offenders. This action will allow nonviolent parolees to be released earlier than they are currently and save the Department of Corrections (DOC) the cost of housing these offenders while awaiting approval from the Governor.

According to the Pardon & Parole Board, approximately 1,200 non-violent offenders are recommended for parole annually. The process typically takes about 90 days after the Board recommendation before the offender is released. SJR25 would shorten that process by approximately 60 days. With average daily prison costs of \$46/day per offender, SJR25 would save approximately \$2,760 per offender, or \$3.3 million annually.

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Other Considerations

None