

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB1056
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Impact:	Potential Savings in Prison Costs

Research Analysis

HB 1056 creates the Parole of Aging Prisoners Act. The measure would authorize aging prisoners, age 65 or older to request a parole hearing after the completion of 10 years of incarceration or 1/3rd of their prison sentence. The Pardon and Parole Board is required to grant parole to a prisoner if the Board finds that the person can live and remain at liberty without posing a substantial risk to public safety. The Board is required to use an evidence-based risk assessment to make the determination.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to the Department of Corrections (DOC), there are currently 685 incarcerated offenders who are 65 years of age or older and not serving a Life, Life without Parole or Death sentence, and not serving a 85% sentence or a violent sentence and have served one third or more of their current sentence.

Every inmate that is released on conditional parole will save the state approximately \$46 per day on prison costs. The state would incur some costs for supervision and possibly mental health treatment and other support services. The amount of savings would be dependent upon the number of inmates released on conditional parole and the cost of any support services provided.

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Other Considerations

None