

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1338
Version:	CS
Request Number:	6950
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Impact:	\$0 cost to the state; possible savings

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 1338 authorizes an inmate who is 50 years of age or older who is medically frail and is serving time for a nonviolent offense to be considered for medical parole review.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS on HB 1338 does not negatively fiscally impact the state. However, if this measure increases the amount of inmates released early, this could reduce prison populations in the state: thereby reducing incarceration and medical costs. This savings is dependent upon the number of inmates released early by the Pardon and Parole Board.

According to the Dept. of Corrections (DOC), the average cost of medical expenses over a 6 month period for the following age groups are as follows:

Age Group	Cost per inmate (6 months)
50-59	\$1,080
70-79	\$2,116
80+	\$7,879

The DOC estimates that these medical costs paid by DOC would be significantly lowered if inmates in these age groups are able to be released early.

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Other Considerations

None.