

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 649
Version:	CS
Request Number:	7595
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Impact:	Possible reduction in incarcerations and sentences for DOC

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 649 provides that a previous conviction for possession of a controlled dangerous substance or the equivalent law for possession of a controlled dangerous substance from any other jurisdiction may not be used to enhance punishment under the second and subsequent offenses statute. The measure also removes petit larceny offenses from being used for enhancement.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS on SB 649 reduces the enhancement of a punishment with regard to previous convictions. This measure could decrease the incarceration rate and/or reduce the length of some sentences. The specific impact is contingent upon how many offenders' sentences are affected by previous convictions.

The current average DOC cost for incarceration is \$52.24/day and \$19,067.60/year.

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Other Considerations

None.