

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

HB 2422 would allow a sex offender who is eligible for parole to elect to receive hormonal treatment as a condition of parole. A sex offender who does not continue hormonal treatment or receives another treatment to reverse the effects of the hormonal treatment, or commits subsequent offenses is no longer eligible for parole and is subject to imprisonment.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB2422 establishes provisions for the chemical castration of sex offenders as a condition for parole eligibility, and sets forth that certain sex offenders who commit a subsequent sex offense shall no longer remain eligible for parole and shall be sentenced to imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC) for a term of Life Without Parole (LWOP). Officials with DOC have provided the following information:

Over the past 5 years, DOC has received as few as 7 and as many as 299 inmates annually sentenced on a second or subsequent sex offense. The average sentence length is 21 years, and the majority will serve at least 85% of the sentence imposed, which is approximately 18 years. If this bill passes, the cost impact would be realized in approximately 18 years, as inmates who would have previously been released will instead continue to remain incarcerated having been sentenced to LWOP. The current marginal cost per inmate per year is \$7,759.90 (not adjusted for inflation). The total time served per individual will vary based on lifespan, however additional LWOP sentences will likely increase the prison population over time.

The fiscal impact of administering chemical castrations will vary on the patient's dosage, length of therapy, and the number of qualifying patients. The dosage and the length of treatment that ODOC will be required to provide will be based on pharmaceutical and medical guidance. The price for the available medication is as follows:

2.5MG Tablets- \$0.11/tablet
5MG Tablets- \$0.11/tablet
10MG Tablets- \$0.12/tablet
150MG/ML Injection - 1ML Vial -\$21.34

However, DOC does not provide medications for offenders under supervision. Currently there are 97 sex offenders on parole. There are times that the age of the victim is not known.

Based on the current form of the measure, DOC expects to absorb the impact of the administering these chemical castrations. DOC may seek additional appropriations in the future to manage the increased prison population.

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Other Considerations

None.

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