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HB20-1274

Increase Sentence Served Before Parole Eligibility**Bill Facts**

- Increases parole eligibility from 50% to 75% of the sentence.
- Keeps people in jail longer.
- Office of State Budget and Planning - \$39,303 per inmate per year.
- Will cost the taxpayer hundreds of thousands of dollars more each year.

How Parole Works

1. Individual serves minimum sentence and becomes eligible.
2. Individual applies for parole and if eligible gets a date with the parole board.
3. Parole board hears the case of the individual and makes a determination.

No one is released early. Must serve a minimum sentence.

What Experts Say**National Institute of Justice**

Length of prison sentence does not deter crime.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

- African Americans constituted 2.3 million, or 34%, of the total 6.8 million correctional population.
- Between 1980 and 2015, the number of people incarcerated in America increased from roughly 500,000 to over 2.2 million.

American Enterprise Institute

Justice system is fundamentally flawed.

Increasing how long a person waits for eligible for parole, has no effect on the outcome of that person.

People with long parole eligibility will commit more crime in prison.

