

House Judiciary

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HB25-1214 Appropriate Use of Prison Beds

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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Mike Rawluk Amend themselves	<p>Class 5 and 6 felonies can be very serious.</p> <p>As such, reducing any penalties or time served because of a budget shortfall as opposed to actual science and hard data on recidivism rates, rehabilitation rates, etc is not a sound basis, nor does it help protect Colorado citizens.</p> <p>The budget shortfall is not the fault of any past, present, or future victims of crime, so these victims should not bear the brunt of any shortfalls in the state's fiscal health.</p> <p>These felonies include</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Human Trafficking2. Conspiracy to commit a class 5 felony.3. Stalking4.criminally negligent homicide5. First degree trespass <p>Who in our state legislature would rather other alternatives be explored before incarceration for a human trafficker? Does this serve to protect Colorado?</p> <p>What of someone who plea bargained down to criminally negligent homicide?</p> <p>How many women have had an ex who have stalked them? Is this fair to allow the stalker to have all alternatives available prior to a sentence of incarceration? How is this fair? If someone is convicted of stalking and is rewarded by being given zero jail time by the justice system, then what further risks await the victim?</p> <p>Additionally the notion that a board vote will be done away with when determining if a Felon is granted parole ignores basic common sense, individual human factors, and science. One size fits all criminal parole is in my view dangerous. Parole should not be granted because we have run out of room in a prison, or because the state has a budget crisis.</p>

	<p>What incentive is there for a felon to participate in any rehabilitation during their prison term if they know that they will be granted parole no matter what? This is basically a seniority system, and one not based on merit.</p> <p>If someone is required to attend drug or alcohol rehab classes, they should find the way to pay for their own rehab.</p> <p>This bill is dangerous. This shifts the burden from state fiscal policy makers, to individuals who may have been, or will be victims of crime.</p> <p>Please amend this bill to remove the sections discussed above.</p>
<p>Tom Raynes Amend Colorado District Attorneys Council</p>	<p>CDAC is in an amend position today. If L001 and L002 are adopted and incorporated into the bill, CDAC will move to neutral.</p>