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Testimony on HB 2535  
to  
The Senate Judiciary Committee

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The Department of Corrections supports HB 2535 as amended by the House. HB 2535 was passed by the House by a vote of 96-28. HB 2535 would make technical changes throughout statutes by substituting references to the former "parole board" with "prisoner review board" established by implementation of the 2011 Executive Reorganization Order 34.

Additionally, HB 2535 at page 25, section 11; incorporates the recommendation of the department to clarify that annual reports of the Prisoner Review Board regarding its work may be included in the Department of Correction's annual report provide the information regarding the work of the Prisoner Review Board is presented separately and distinctly. That House amendment further deletes the requirement in that section, that the Prisoner Review Board compile and analyze criminal case dispositions. The analysis of criminal sentencing dispositions is a function of the Sentencing Commission of which the chair of the Prisoner Review Board is a member.

The department urges favorable consideration of HB 2535.