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EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Madam President: It's ironic that the FIRST bill rushed through the 2020 Session in the Senate has over a million dollar a year, tax-payer supported price tag on it by 2029. I guess the signal to the lobby core for effectiveness on government waste is: pick a sentimental sweet spot topic like supposed police or veteran's benefit or widows and orphans' relief; or puppies and kitten's protections and run that bill early in Session and it's a go. If I believed that this expensive sentencing enhancement, which is NOW being projected as well beyond the 46 necessary new beds originally projected when this bill was heard just last year (2019), would improve police protection OR public safety, I might support something we already can't afford. With 120 of our inmates farmed out to Arizona already; more and more of state offenders being housed in our county jails to meet the federal prison overcrowding mandates now ... whatever the number of this unnecessary enhancement is in **SB 45** is enough to make any true fiscally conservative legislator pause, reflect and vote against it. Approximately \$25,000 a year per inmate times 50 by 2029. You do the math. This is not a good way to begin our wayward spending in the new year. Please let the record reflect from Day One of the Session that I, Senator David Haley, as a genuine steward of our tax dollars, will consistently evaluate the cost of sentencing changes to our prison bed space impact and state general fund obligation before voting on the underlying crime enhancement. Actually proud to be the ONLY Senator to vote against this costly, unnecessary measure that will not improve public safety, I yet wish my colleagues would think about these "sentimental" topics but real implications before voting too. I do not mind at all standing alone for fiscal responsibility.—**DAVID HALEY**

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SR 1747, SR 1748 reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on January 23, 2020.

On motion of Senator Denning, the Senate adjourned until 8:00 a.m., Friday, January 24, 2020.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*
COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

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