



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

May 16, 2023

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Sections 1 and 3, Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5134 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to reentry services and supports."

Section 3 of Second Substitute Senate Bill 5134 expands the Department of Corrections' existing discharge planning requirements by adding a number of reentry linkage case management services to its existing individual reentry planning requirements. For example, Section 3 would require that discharge plans include an evaluation of each person's behavioral and physical health needs, as well as assistance with obtaining identification and completing applications for state and federal government assistance and benefits.

I agree that we should better support individuals who leave prison after completing their sentences and return to the community. Connecting these individuals with treatment and health services will facilitate successful reentry and reduce recidivism. However, the funding provided for Section 3 of this bill is inadequate and the department does not have the capacity to absorb this work within its existing budget. Therefore, I am vetoing Section 3.

Section 1 is the intent section, which states the Legislature's intent to expand the discharge planning requirements. Because I am vetoing Section 3, Section 1 no longer aligns with the bill.

While I am vetoing Sections 1 and 3, I am directing the Department of Corrections to provide a 90-day supply of necessary prescribed medications upon release, as clinically appropriate, through a combination of a 30-day supply of in-hand medications and a 60-day supply of prescriptions. This provision is included in Section 3 of the bill and the department can implement this as part of its Health Services program.

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 1 and 3 of Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5134.

With the exception of Sections 1 and 3, Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5134 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jay Inslee
Governor