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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 406

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: March 15, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 406 would provide that the Board of Parole set a “presumptive parole release date” for each committed offender they see at the time of the offender’s first required parole review. This “presumptive parole release date” would be based upon objective parole guidelines adopted by the Board and upon evaluation of the information currently being provided to the Board.

The purpose of a “presumptive parole release date” is to give the committed offender an idea of the tentative date when his or her release on parole is likely. Setting a “presumptive parole release date” is **not** a commitment by the Board or the Department to release an offender on that date.

LB 406 provides that at any subsequent parole review, the original presumptive parole release date cannot be changed unless such a change is based upon documentation of conduct by the offender which is relevant to the objective parole guidelines and which conduct occurred **after** the Board set the original date.

The bill also puts a requirement in law that the Parole Board develop and publish objective parole guidelines to be utilized by the Board in evaluating committed offenders and setting presumptive parole release dates. The guidelines are to include the considerations currently described in Section 83-1,114, Section 83-1,115 and any other factors the Board deems appropriate.

The intent of LB 406 is to provide another tool for the Parole Board in making the opportunity for parole available to more inmates and to provide a more realistic date for inmates as they look at their parole eligibility date versus their actual release date on parole.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Dwite Pedersen