

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

January 15, 2009
Date

Committee on Judiciary.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB09-1022 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 8 through 10 and substitute the
2 following:

3 "(a) THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE
4 JUSTICE, IN ITS 2008 REPORT, CHOSE TO FOCUS ON RECIDIVISM DURING THE
5 PAST YEAR, STATING:

6 THE COMMISSION'S DECISION TO FOCUS ON REDUCING
7 RECIDIVISM AND VICTIMIZATION WAS BASED ON THE FACT
8 THAT RECIDIVISM RATES IN COLORADO AND THROUGHOUT
9 THE COUNTRY ARE VERY HIGH, RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT
10 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A WIDE RANGE OF TRADITIONAL
11 CRIMINAL JUSTICE PRACTICES. IN COLORADO, OVER HALF
12 (53 PERCENT) OF THOSE RELEASED FROM PRISON RETURN
13 WITHIN THREE YEARS. THIS IS A SIZABLE NUMBER: IN FISCAL
14 YEAR 2007, OVER 4,000 INDIVIDUALS WERE REVOKED FROM
15 PAROLE AND RETURNED TO PRISON. ANOTHER 2,000
16 OFFENDERS WERE REVOKED FROM PROBATION SUPERVISION
17 AND SENT TO PRISON. NOTE THAT THIS RECIDIVISM RATE
18 DOES NOT ALWAYS REFLECT NEW CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.
19 ONE-QUARTER OF THE PAROLEES AND ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF
20 THE PROBATIONERS COMMITTED A NEW CRIMINAL
21 OFFENSE—THE REMAINDER VIOLATED THE CONDITIONS OF
22 CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISION."

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