

**Department of Planning and Budget
2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB 561

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Puckett

3. Committee: Militia, Police, and Public Safety

4. Title: Geriatric release

5. Summary:

Under current law, any inmate, other than one convicted of a capital offense, who (i) has reached the age of 65 or older and has served at least five years of his sentence or (ii) has reached the age of 60 or older and has served at least 10 years of his sentence may petition the Parole Board for conditional release.

The proposed legislation would exempt the following offenders from eligibility for geriatric conditional release: those convicted of a violent felony offense who, at the time of the offense or after the offense but prior to being released from incarceration, were subject to a protective order and the victim of the violent offense was the person protected by such order.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

The proposed legislation could have an effect on the Department of Corrections by reducing the number of offenders released on geriatric conditional release. However, the extent to which this might happen cannot be determined because it is not possible to predict if any of the offenders that would be made ineligible by the proposed legislation would have been granted geriatric conditional release by the Parole Board otherwise. In any event, the numbers involved are small enough that any effect would be minimal. Other the previous five years, the average number of offenders granted geriatric conditional release each year has been eight.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Parole Board
Department of Corrections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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