

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 18, 2026
Date

Committee on Judiciary.

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

HB26-1256 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, lines 18 and 19, strike "and inconsistent
2 implementation continue to force some Coloradans to leave" and
3 substitute "prevent some Coloradans from leaving ~~the~~".
- 4 Page 3, line 4, strike "**Ticket of leave - release**" and substitute "**Release**".
- 5 Page 3, line 5, strike "**services.**" and substitute "**services - reports.**".
- 6 Page 3, strike lines 6 through 12 and substitute:
7 "~~(1) (a) Ten days prior to the date on which any inmate confined~~
8 ~~in a correctional facility is entitled to be discharged or to be paroled from~~
9 ~~said correctional facility, the executive director or the executive director's~~
10 ~~designee shall give such inmate a ticket of leave therefrom, which shall~~
11 ~~entitle the inmate to depart from said correctional facility.~~".
- 12 Page 3, line 14, after "INDIVIDUAL" insert "RELEASED FROM A
13 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY".
- 14 Page 4, strike lines 25 through 27 and substitute:
15 "~~(6) BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2027, AND BY EACH SEPTEMBER 15~~
16 ~~THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE AND~~
17 ~~PROVIDE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND~~
18 ~~THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES,~~
19 ~~A REPORT THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:~~".
- 20 Page 5, line 1, strike "(I)" and substitute "(a)".

- 1 Page 5, line 3, strike "(II)" and substitute "(b)".
- 2 Page 5, line 6, strike "(III)" and substitute "(c)".
- 3 Page 5, line 8, strike "(IV)" and substitute "(d)".
- 4 Page 5, strike lines 11 through 15.
- 5 Page 5, line 17, strike "(2)(e), (3)(b), (3)(c) introductory portion,
6 (3)(c)(IV)" and substitute "(3)(b), and (3)(c) introductory portion;".
- 7 Page 5, line 18, strike "and 4;" and strike "(7), and (8)" and substitute
8 "(7)".
- 9 Page 5, line 24, strike "program" and substitute "program."
- 10 Page 5, strike lines 25 and 26 and substitute "~~eligible offender the
11 opportunity to participate in the program.~~".
- 12 Page 6, line 2, strike "IF AN OFFENDER INFORMS".
- 13 Page 6, strike lines 3 through 9 and substitute "THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
14 ASK THE OFFENDER ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DAYS BEFORE THE
15 OFFENDER'S RELEASE TO CONFIRM THE OFFENDER DOES NOT WANT TO
16 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. IF THE OFFENDER AFFIRMATIVELY OPTS
17 BACK INTO THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BEGIN THE PROCESS
18 TO OBTAIN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS TO PREPARE FOR RELEASE."
- 19 Page 6, strike lines 17 through 20.
- 20 Page 7, strike lines 2 through 16 and substitute:
21 "(7) BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2027, AND BY EACH SEPTEMBER 15
22 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE JUDICIARY
24 COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, A REPORT THAT INCLUDES
25 THE FOLLOWING:".
- 26 Page 7, strike lines 25 through 27.
- 27 Page 8, strike lines 1 through 11 and substitute:

1 "(c) AN EXPLANATION OF BARRIERS AND CHALLENGES TO
2 OBTAINING IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS FOR OFFENDERS IN THE
3 PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR."

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