

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## EHB 1185

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As of March 14, 2025

**Title:** An act relating to membership on the correctional industries advisory committee.

**Brief Description:** Concerning membership on the correctional industries advisory committee.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Fosse, Farivar, Simmons, Wylie and Salahuddin.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 3/4/25, 86-9.

**Committee Activity:** Human Services: 3/18/25.

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Adds two voting members from underrepresented populations who have direct lived experience and who are not currently incarcerated in total confinement to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Staff:** Kelsey-anne Fung (786-7479)

**Background:** Correctional Industries Advisory Committee. Correctional Industries (CI), a division of the Department of Corrections (DOC), operates businesses within all prison facilities throughout Washington and employs approximately 2200 incarcerated individuals. According to DOC, training and workforce development opportunities are provided to incarcerated individuals through work programs modeled after the real-world, focusing on developing both technical and social skills. By linking basic skills, vocational skills, and on-the-job training, incarcerated individuals are prepared for employment when they reenter into the community.

The Correctional Industries Advisory Committee (committee) makes recommendations to the DOC secretary regarding CI. The committee consists of nine voting members appointed by the secretary and four nonvoting legislative members. The nine voting members serve

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three-year staggered terms, and must include three representatives from labor, three representatives from business representing cross sections of industries and all sizes of employers, and three members from the general public. Voting members receive compensation as a class three group.

Nothing About Us Without Us Act. Legislation passed in 2024 requires the membership of each statutory entity created on or after January 1, 2025, to include at least three individuals from underrepresented populations who have direct lived experience with the issue that the statutory entity is tasked with examining.

An underrepresented population means a population group that is more likely to be at higher risk for disenfranchisement due to adverse socioeconomic factors, such as unemployment, high housing and transportation costs relative to income, effects of environmental harms, limited access to nutritious food and adequate health care, linguistic isolation, and other factors that may be barriers to participation in policy decision making. A person with direct lived experience means a person with direct personal experience in the subject matter being addressed by the statutory entity.

**Summary of Bill:** Two voting members from underrepresented populations who have direct lived experience and who are not currently incarcerated in total confinement are added to the membership of the committee, to be appointed by the Governor.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.