

EXHIBIT 22
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HB 326

HOUSE BILL 326...SENTENCING TO A METH TREATMENT FACILITY
By Rep. Jim Peterson

Since HB 326 provides only an option for a Judge to sentence to a meth treatment facility, I am asking House Appropriations Committee to pass the bill without an appropriation.

Page 4, Line 5-6-7 states, "A person convicted of a second or subsequent offense of criminal possession of methamphetamine shall be punished by:

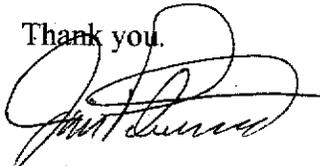
- (i) imprisonment for a term not to exceed 5 years or by a fine not to exceed \$50,000, or both; **or**
- (ii) commitment to the department of corrections for placement in an **appropriate** correctional facility or program for a term of not less than 3 years or more than 5 years.

The critical point of my request to remove the appropriation is, sentencing to a meth treatment facility of not mandated... it is optional... if an appropriate facility or program is available.

The Department of Corrections supports this removal of the appropriation and would like the bill moved. This would keep this option open if Corrections can find a way to do this within their current budget.

Please pass HB 326 out without the appropriation.

Thank you.



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