



People Power Washington

HB 1087 End Long-Term Solitary Confinement

[Long-term solitary confinement is torture](#) and causes severe psychological consequences depression, anxiety, paranoia, PTSD, psychosis, self-harm and even suicide. Solitary confinement is disproportionately used against people of color and those with disabilities.

Take action today! Deadline Thursday February 2nd @ 3 pm.

HB 1087 has a public hearing in Appropriations Thursday February 2nd @ 4 pm.

Participate Virtually: **We encourage everyone to [sign-in PRO](#) - It's Easy and it Takes 30 seconds!**

Want to do more? Understand the issue so you can submit written testimony, contact members of the Appropriations Committee and/or provide Public Testimony

Join [ACLU](#) People Power WA and our allies at [Disability Rights WA](#) for these

Additional action opportunities:

Email members of the Appropriations Committee - takes 10 minutes (Email addresses and suggested script below)

[Submit Written Testimony](#) - Takes 2 minutes, closes 24 hours after hearing

Testify Remotely During Hearing - Has the greatest impact! - sign-up closes at February 2nd at 3pm

We support this bill because long-term solitary confinement is torture. ([You can read more here in this link to a previous action alert for more information.](#)) However, Appropriations is focused on the fiscal impacts of this bill.

Sample of written testimony/email to committee members

We encourage you to personalize your messages as these are most effective.

Subject: Support HB 1087 and the end to long-term solitary confinement

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Hi, my name is <___> and I am a [constituent/resident] from [Legislative District] [zip code] and a member of People Power Washington.

I am writing to urge your support of HB 1087. This bill ends the inhumane practice of long-term solitary confinement.

- Colorado saved \$13.5 million when it closed a 350 bed solitary unit.
- Mississippi saved \$8 million when it closed a solitary unit.
- [The ending of prolonged solitary confinement would save Washington state millions of dollars.](#) *Why are we literally spending millions of dollars on this cruel and inhumane punishment?*

- The DOC's marginal reduction in use of solitary confinement resulted in a 57% reduction in staff assaults and a 45% reduction in self-harm and suicide. Ending long-term solitary will improve safety for both incarcerated individuals and staff!
- [Long term solitary confinement is torture](#). Human beings have a basic biological need to establish and maintain contact with others. The deprivation of human contact causes severe psychological consequences depression, anxiety, paranoia, PTSD, psychosis, self-harm and [suicide](#).

I believe no matter your race, income, or disability status you deserve safety. The use of solitary confinement in our state prisons is torture and has devastating impacts on those incarcerated. Washington ended solitary confinement for juveniles in 2020 and we can do the same for adults! That is why I am urging your support of HB 1087.

Sincerely,

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