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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 28, 2022

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill acknowledges that reducing recidivism and individuals entering the criminal justice system is paramount to the progress of our state. Additionally, ensuring each legislative district has an accurate percentage of individuals incarcerated who are from their district will go a long way in equipping senator's to be able to address this issue. A way to meet this goal is to track each prisoner's pre-incarceration address and note the legislative district in which it sits. This will ultimately help Senators representing various districts work to reduce constituents who enter the criminal justice system as well as offer proper services within their districts to reduce recidivism.

Under this bill, the Department of Correctional Services will keep a data file indicating each prisoner's pre-incarceration address and note the legislative district in which it sits. This information should be provided to the Census Bureau and ultimately made available to members of the Legislature.

Principal Introducer:	
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