

Bill No.: SF0032 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0110**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0067

Chapter No.: 131

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Prohibiting drones over penal institutions.**

Subject: Drones and penal institutions.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill defines an "unmanned aircraft system" as an unmanned, powered aircraft that: (1) does not carry a human operator; (2) can be autonomous or remotely piloted or operated; and (3) is expendable or recoverable.
- This bill creates a new crime that prohibits using an "unmanned aircraft system" to intentionally trespass over or into a penal institution without authorization for the purpose to:
 - Photograph, surveil, broadcast or otherwise record a penal institution;
 - Convey or attempt to convey contraband into a penal institution; or
 - Deliver or attempt to deliver a deadly weapon into a penal institution.
- This bill makes a violation of the prohibition against photographing or conveying contraband a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail, a two thousand dollar (\$2,000.00) fine or both. A violation for delivering a deadly weapon is a felony punishable by not more than ten (10) years in jail, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or both.
- The bill provides rulemaking authority to the Department of Corrections to establish reasonable means of preventing violations of the new crime and authorizing the use of reasonable means of prevention.
- The bill provides exceptions for law enforcement and emergency purposes, state business, the United States government and satellites orbiting the earth.

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