

House File 2274 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to cost-of-living increases for inmates
2 committed to the custody of the department of corrections
3 who perform inmate work.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 904.701, subsection 2, Code 2024, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. The director may when practicable pay the inmate
4 an allowance as the director deems proper in view of the
5 circumstances, and in view of the cost attending the
6 maintenance of the inmate. The allowance is a gratuitous
7 payment and is not a wage arising out of an employment
8 relationship. The payment shall not exceed the amount paid to
9 free labor for a like or equivalent service.

10 b. The director shall, at least once every two years,
11 consider implementing a cost-of-living increase for inmates
12 involved in offender work programs under this section.

13 Sec. 2. Section 904.809, subsection 5, Code 2024, is amended
14 by adding the following new paragraph:

15 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. The director shall, at least once every
16 two years, consider implementing a cost-of-living increase for
17 inmates involved in offender work programs under this section.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill relates to cost-of-living increases for inmates
22 committed to the custody of the department of corrections who
23 perform inmate work.

24 The bill provides that the director of the department of
25 corrections, at least once every two years, shall consider
26 implementing cost-of-living increases for inmates involved in
27 offender work programs.