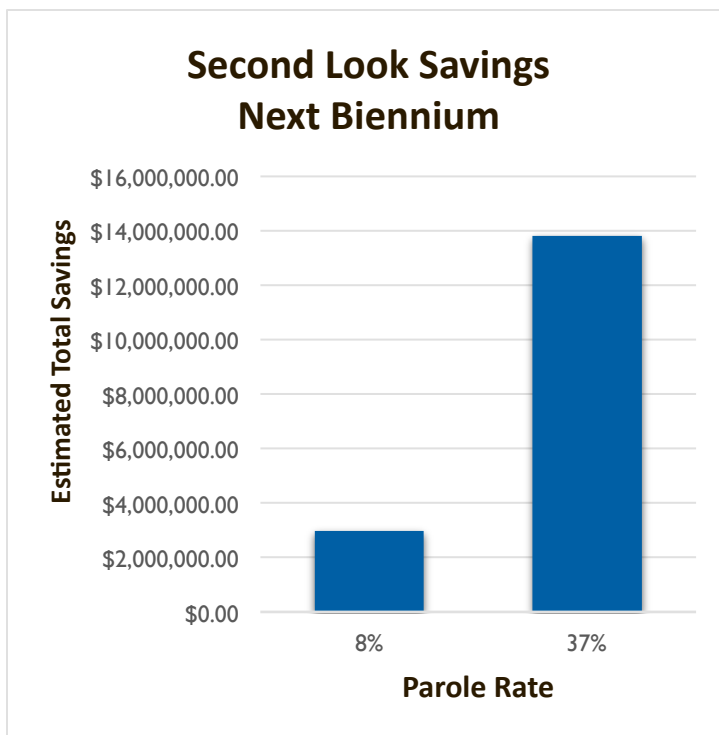


Second Look Savings

HB 1274 could save millions in taxpayer dollars

- If HB 1274 passes, hundreds of inmates will have an opportunity to demonstrate to the Board of Pardons and Paroles whether they have sufficiently grown and become rehabilitated.
- By increasing the number of individuals who have an opportunity for parole, some percentage of additional inmates will be approved.
- Depending on the percentage of approvals, **Texas will save between approximately \$3 million and \$14 million in the coming biennium.**



- The average parole grant rate in Texas for capital murder over the last 15 years is 8%. Based on an 8% parole approval rate, HB 1274 would save Texas approximately \$2,984,354 over the next biennium.
- As of March 2017, 37% of initial parole considerations were approved. Based on a 37% approval rate, HB 1274 would save Texas approximately \$13,802,639 over the next biennium.

Notes

- Numbers are based on current TDCJ prison population with an offense committed at 17 years old.
- Second Look-eligible offenders are incarcerated by TDCJ for first degree offenses or capital murder committed at age 17 or under.
- To isolate savings in the next biennium, this study only considered offenders first eligible for parole after 9/1/2017 that would be eligible for parole under Second Look prior to 9/1/2019.
- This assumes \$18,537 annual costs for incarceration and \$3,909 annual costs for parole over the next biennium.

Methodology

For Second Look-eligible offenders:

- (1) Calculate their new parole eligibility date by halving the time between their sentence date and original first parole eligibility date
- (2) Count the days between their original and new first parole eligibility – if the original parole eligibility falls outside of the next biennium, use 9/1/2019 to isolate savings during the next biennium
- (3) Calculate costs saved if the person was released when first eligible by multiplying the difference in days by daily incarceration cost estimate ~ \$50.79
- (4) Calculate costs incurred if the person was released by multiplying the difference in days by daily parole cost estimate ~ \$10.71
- (5) Subtract costs from savings and multiply that value by assumed parole rate (e.g. 8% and 37%)