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## WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

### 1997-98

(session year)

### Assembly

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

### Committee on ... Corrections Facilities (AC-CoFa)

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## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Corrections Facilities**

##### **Senate Bill 291**

Relating to: the operation of private businesses in state prisons.

By Senators Plache, Moen and Burke; cosponsored by Representatives Plouff, Baumgart, Bock, Turner, L. Young, F. Lasee and Meyer.

November 24, 1997 Referred to committee on Corrections Facilities.

January 28, 1998 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Representatives Walker, Goetsch, Owens,  
Huber and Staskunas.

Absent: (0) None.

##### Appearances for

- John Anderson, Sen. Plache's office

##### Appearances against

- None

##### Appearances for Information Only

- Steve Kronzer, Dept. of Corrections

##### Registrations for

- Rep. Joe Plouff, 29th Assembly Dist.

##### Registrations against

- None.

March 26, 1998 **Failed to concur in pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.**

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Mark Grapentine  
Committee Clerk





## KIMBERLY M. PLACHE

STATE SENATOR • TWENTY FIRST SENATE DISTRICT

January 28, 1998

To: Members of the Assembly Committee on Corrections Facilities  
From: Sen. Kimberly Plache  
Re: Senate Bill 291

### **Reason for legislation**

It was disclosed last fall that a contract between Fabry Glove and Mitten Co. and the state Department of Corrections provides that Fabry will be the only glove and mitten manufacturer in the state to be allowed to use cheap prison labor in its manufacturing process. I believe the state law which allows a private business to be the only one of its kind to contract for work by state prisoners is wrong and must be changed.

### **What would SB 291 do?**

Senate Bill 291 would prohibit the use of exclusivity contracts between private companies and the state department of corrections. This bill would not eliminate the DOC's Private Industry/Prison Employment Program.

### **Benefits of prohibiting exclusivity contracts**

Exclusivity contracts give an unfair advantage to one company over others. It is not the role of the department of corrections to provide a monopoly on inexpensive labor and low overhead to a single business in one industry. All businesses should have the same opportunity to participate in the Private Industry/Prison Employment Program. By providing one company an exclusive prison contract, that company may drive other companies, which hire tax-paying citizens, out of business.

### **Fiscal impact of SB 291**

Senate Bill 291 has no fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections, according to Cathy Halpin and Robert Margolies of the department.