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## Arizona House of Representatives

Representative Walt Blackman (R-6)

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## House Holds First Hearing of Ad Hoc Committee on Earned Release Credits for Prisoners

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative Walt Blackman (R-6), chairman of the House Ad Hoc Committee on Earned Release Credits for Prisoners, today thanked House members and presenters for their participation at Monday's hearing.

The committee is tasked with studying, gathering input, and working to develop recommendations regarding the earned release credit system for prisoners, specifically whether and how the system could be reformed to allow additional credits to be earned by prisoners.

**"I'm excited to begin the committee's work of finding effective ways to approach drug treatment and prevention, as well as the enhancement of programs that promote positive outcomes for prisoners transitioning back into society,"** said Representative Blackman. **"I remain strongly committed to protecting victims and the community without raising taxes, and I believe that these principles can be balanced with the committee's objectives."**

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