

## Inmate Transfer Limitation Dies

### Sacramento

The Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday killed a bill limiting the power of the state Department of Corrections to transfer an inmate from one prison to another.

The measure by Senator Anthony C. Beilenson (Dem-Beverly Hills) was defeated on a split voice vote after a department spokesman opposed it.

The measure would have required the department to conduct a hearing if an inmate objects to a transfer, unless the prisoner is a security risk or in need of medical aid.

It would also have prevented a transfer if the move works a hardship on the pri-

soner by interfering with his right to visit with his attorney or family.

But Walter Barkdull, deputy corrections director, said the measure eliminates the agency's "flexibility" in dealing with California's large prison population.

Carl Anderson, a lobbyist for the California Peace Officers Association and the District Attorney's Association, opposed the measure on the grounds it would "invite litigation."

"If a prisoner doesn't like a transfer, he's going to contest it," Anderson said. "Where does he go, he goes to court."

But Beilenson said it was his intention only to prevent transfers that were "not punitively or unjustifiedly" or-

dered as a reprisal against an unruly inmate.

"We're just trying to impose minimal safeguards so we can treat these people as human beings," he said.

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