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By Senators Rockefeller and Marr

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing crime victims to submit input to the
2 department of corrections regarding an offender's placement in work
3 release; adding a new section to chapter 72.09 RCW; and providing an
4 effective date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) When a victim of a crime or the victim's next of kin requests
9 notice under RCW 72.09.712 regarding a specific inmate, the department
10 shall advise the requester in writing of the possibility that part of
11 the sentence may be served by the inmate in a work release facility and
12 instruct the requester on how to submit input to the department
13 regarding the inmate's work release placement.

14 (2) When the department notifies a victim or the victim's next of
15 kin under RCW 72.09.712 of an offender's placement in work release, the
16 department shall also provide instruction on how to submit input
17 regarding the offender's work release placement.

18 (3) The department shall consider any input received from a victim
19 or the victim's next of kin under subsection (1) or (2) of this section

1 if the input is received at least seven days prior to the offender's
2 placement in work release. The department may consider any input from
3 a victim or the victim's next of kin under subsection (1) or (2) of
4 this section if the input is received less than seven days prior to the
5 offender's placement in work release. The department may alter its
6 placement decision based on any input considered under this subsection.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act takes effect August 1,
8 2009.

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