
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6244

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2008 Regular Session

By Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senator Carrell)

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1 AN ACT Relating to facilities to house offenders violating
2 community custody; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of corrections shall
5 conduct an analysis of the necessary capacity throughout the state to
6 appropriately confine offenders who violate community custody and
7 formulate recommendations for future capacity. In conducting its
8 analysis, the department must consider:

9 (a) The need to decrease reliance on local correctional facilities
10 to house violators; and

11 (b) The costs and benefits of developing a violator treatment
12 center to provide inpatient treatment, therapies, and counseling.

13 (2) If the department recommends locating or collocating new
14 violator facilities, for jurisdictions planning under RCW 36.70A.040,
15 the department shall work within the local jurisdiction's comprehensive
16 plan process for identifying and siting an essential public facility
17 under RCW 36.70A.200. For jurisdictions not planning under RCW
18 36.70A.040, the department shall apply the local jurisdiction's zoning
19 or applicable land use code.

1 (3) The department shall report the results of its analysis to the
2 governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by November
3 15, 2008.

4 (4) To the extent possible within existing funds, the department is
5 authorized to proceed with the conversion of existing facilities that
6 are appropriate to house violators.

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