

---

HOUSE BILL 2113

---

State of Washington

54th Legislature

1995 Regular Session

By Representatives Elliot, Mastin, Lisk, Appelwick, Sheldon, Kremen, Ballasiotes, Reams, Jacobsen, Goldsmith, Carrell, Foreman, Patterson, Regala, L. Thomas, Benton, Mitchell, Sheahan, Hickel, Backlund, Sherstad and McMahan

Read first time 05/25/95. Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to siting of juvenile detention and group home  
2 facilities; adding a new section to chapter 13.40 RCW; providing an  
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The department may not establish or relocate a juvenile  
8 detention or group home facility in a new location until after the  
9 department holds a minimum of two public hearings.

10 (2) The department of community, trade, and economic development  
11 shall establish procedures providing for early and continuous public  
12 participation in the development of juvenile detention and group home  
13 facility placement plans. The procedures must provide, with particular  
14 emphasis on the communities surrounding the proposed siting, for broad  
15 dissemination of proposals and alternatives, opportunity for written  
16 comments, public meetings after effective notice, provision for open  
17 discussion, communication programs, information services, and  
18 consideration of and response to public comments.

1 (3) As used in this section, "group home" means a state-operated or  
2 privately contracted group home facility that provides custody and  
3 treatment for committed male and female juvenile offenders.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its  
5 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
6 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
7 persons or circumstances is not affected.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
11 effect July 1, 1995.

--- END ---