

1 **SB 6151** - H AMD

2 By Representative Ballasiotes

3 On page 2, after line 9, insert the following:

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter
5 72.65 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The department and other state agencies that have
7 responsibility for siting the department's facilities shall
8 establish a process for early and continuous public participation
9 in establishing or relocating work release or other community-based
10 facilities. This process shall include public meetings in the
11 local communities affected, opportunities for written and oral
12 comments, and wide dissemination of proposals and alternatives.

13 (2) The department may establish or relocate a work release or
14 other community-based facility only after holding local public
15 meetings and providing public notification to local communities
16 consistent with this chapter.

17 (3) When the department has selected three or fewer sites for
18 final consideration for site selection of a work release or other
19 community-based facility, notification shall be given and public
20 hearings shall be held in the final three or fewer local
21 communities where the siting is proposed. Additional notification
22 and a public hearing shall also be conducted in the local community
23 selected as the final proposed site, prior to completion of the
24 siting process. All hearings and notifications shall be consistent
25 with this chapter.

26 (4) Throughout this process the department shall provide
27 notification to all newspapers of general circulation in the local
28 area and all local radio stations, television stations, and cable
29 networks.

30 (5) Notice shall also be provided to appropriate school

1 districts, private schools, kindergartens, city and county
2 libraries, and all other local government offices within a one-half
3 mile radius of the proposed facility.

4 (6) In addition, the department shall also provide notice to
5 the local chamber of commerce, local economic development agencies,
6 and any other local organizations that request such notification
7 from the department.

8 (7) Notification in writing shall be provided to all residents
9 and/or property owners within a one-half mile radius of the
10 proposed site.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its
12 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
13 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
14 persons or circumstances is not affected.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall take effect July 1,
16 1994."

17 EFFECT: Establishes a mandatory siting procedure that
18 includes early and continuous public participation for the
19 siting of Department of Corrections' facilities.