
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2712

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1 AN ACT Relating to the siting of adult work release, prerelease, or
2 any community-based facility operated or contracted out by the
3 department of corrections; adding a new section to chapter 72.65 RCW;
4 and providing an 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 72.65 RCW
7 to read as follows:

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

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

1 (3) When the department has selected three or fewer sites for final
2 consideration for site selection of a work release or other community-
3 based facility, notification shall be given and public hearings shall
4 be held in the final three or fewer local communities where the siting
5 is proposed. Additional notification and a public hearing shall also
6 be conducted in the local community selected as the final proposed
7 site, prior to completion of the siting process. All hearings and
8 notifications shall be consistent with this chapter.

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

12 (5) Notice shall also be provided to appropriate school districts,
13 private schools, kindergartens, city and county libraries, and all
14 other local government offices within a one-half mile radius of the
15 proposed facility.

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

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

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its
24 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
25 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
26 persons or circumstances is not affected.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

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