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By Representatives Ballasiotes, Campbell, Edmondson, Long, Chappell, Johanson, Padden, Eide, Appelwick, Tate and Brumsickle

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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 may not establish or relocate a community-based  
9 facility until after the department has held a minimum of two public  
10 hearings on the proposal.

11 (2) The department and other state agencies that have  
12 responsibility for the siting of the department's facilities shall  
13 establish procedures for early and continuous public participation in  
14 facility placement plans.

15 The procedures must provide, with special emphasis on the  
16 communities surrounding the proposed site, for:

- 17 (a) A broad dissemination of proposals and alternatives;  
18 (b) Opportunities for written comments;  
19 (c) Public meetings;

- 1 (d) Provisions for open discussions of the proposal; and  
2 (e) Consideration of and response to public comments.  
3 (3) Effective notice to the community shall include but not be  
4 limited to:  
5 (a) Newspaper articles in local papers stating the intent to site  
6 the facility and its purpose;  
7 (b) Newspaper notices specifying the date, time, and location of  
8 public meetings;  
9 (c) Mailing information regarding the meeting's purpose, date,  
10 time, and location to all residents and businesses within a ten-block  
11 radius of the proposed site; and  
12 (d) Notices posted on bulletin boards in public buildings that are  
13 within a ten-block radius of the proposed site, which specify the  
14 purpose, date, time, and location of the meeting.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its  
16 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
17 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
18 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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

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