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10 in serious violent crimes and gang-related crimes against persons and
11 property. The legislature further finds that local communities are
12 becoming increasingly concerned about compromising the safety of their
13 neighborhood as a result of siting juvenile correctional facilities.
14 The intent of this legislation is to establish a community-centered,
15 uniform, and appropriate process for siting juvenile correctional
16 facilities in local communities. The juvenile correctional facility
17 siting process shall include the appropriate notification and
18 meaningful input of local community members before any juvenile
19 corrections facility is sited.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW
21 to read as follows:

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24 correctional facilities shall establish a process for early and
25 continuous public participation in establishing or relocating all
26 publicly or privately operated community-based and institutional
27 juvenile correctional facilities. This process shall include advance
28 public notification, public hearings in the local communities affected,
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32 communities containing the proposed juvenile correctional facility
33 sites. The department shall coordinate with local government agencies
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7 Public meetings or hearings and notice required by local ordinance can
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